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Don't gossip about me, Mel asks

Plane wreckage found in Atlantic

AIR FRANCE Brazilian military planes found wreckage yesterday from an Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean with 228 people aboard.

Brazilian Defence Minister Nelson Jobim said there was "no doubt" that a five-kilometre strip of debris was from the Airbus A330 that went missing in stormy weather early on Monday. Experts were certain that all aboard died.

Relatives who had been praying said they had given up hope. No bodies have been sighted. Pulling out bits of wreckage may not start until today. **REUTERS**

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Sunny Side

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Ex-KGB man takes asylum in church

Husband, father fights deportation to Russia

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Mikhail Lennikov at the First Lutheran Church in Vancouver yesterday.

A man who once worked for the KGB in Communist Russia has turned to a religious institution to avoid being deported from Canada.

Mikhail Lennikov moved into the First Lutheran Church in Vancouver yesterday where he was offered sanctuary.

Rev. Richard Hergesheimer welcomed Lennikov a day after the Federal Court of Canada rejected the man's plea for a stay of deportation.

Lennikov, who lived in Burnaby with wife Irina and son Dmitri for 12 years, is prohibited from staying in Canada because he worked for Russian secret police in the 1980s. He claims he was employed in an administrative role.

"We were always hoping it wouldn't come to this. We know what we are doing with sanctuary is illegal … but it's not wrong," said Hergesheimer.

Sanctuary is a long-honoured tradition worldwide; one that Hergesheimer said Canada respects.

"What we're doing is icing the puck, just stopping the clock so we can all get a chance to take a step back and see what options are available," said Hergesheimer.

The move into the church was in the works for three months as a last resort to avoid deportation.

A computer lab in the basement was converted into a bedroom and a shower was installed in the bathroom for Lennikov, who joined the congregation last summer along with his wife.

For now, Lennikov said he is "comfortable" in his new living space.

"It's more comfortable than an airplane seat," he joked.

He admits the eight-year fight to stay in Canada has taken a toll on his family, especially on his son Dmitri.

"Under the surface there are three people," Lennikov said. "Three people that decided to come to Canada and make Canada home.

"We don't have the certificate but to us it doesn't matter. To us, we are Canadians."

There has been an overwhelming amount of support for the Lennikov family, including numerous Facebook groups.

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Summer Spaces revs up for greener 'way of life'

COUNCIL Commercial Drive is going car-free for up to eight Sundays this summer, city council decided yesterday.

The "Summer Spaces" program, one of council's Greenest City initiatives, will see car-free events in Collingwood, Gastown, Mount Pleasant and Commercial Drive.

Council also approved in principle a "ciclovia," a car-free stretch of road connecting Stanley Park to Jericho Beach, across the Burrard Street Bridge.

"These are not intended to be anything like festivals," said Craig Ollenberger, of Car Free Vancouver. "They're intended to be much lower density, they're intended to be more of a way of life."

Cycling budget

- Vancouver also approved $3.4 million for the cycling network budget, double the amount staff had requested.

Summer Spaces includes a Farmers' Market along the Carrall Street Greenway in Gastown on Sundays in August and September.

However, the proposed ciclovia worried some residents of Beach Avenue, who were concerned about noise and access to their parkades.

Coun. Geoff Meggs said the ciclovia may not happen this year, nor be exactly as proposed.

It was approved in principle with $50,000 funding, but will depend on whether organizers can complete a plan to the satisfaction of the city manager.

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Vancouver rent unaffordable for young: Survey

Vancouver rent is too expensive for most young people, says a survey released yesterday and presented to city council. According to Youth Vital Signs, a typical one-bedroom apartment costs the average young adult 80 per cent of their income. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLOCK

Unemployment Clock coming

A National Unemployment Clock, left, which is mounted on a truck, is arriving in Vancouver today after leaving Ottawa on May 6. The clock offers a real-time count of job loss in Canada to raise awareness about the impact of outsourcing Canadian jobs. The driver is collecting signatures for a petition that will be forwarded to the prime minister and minister of labour.

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Investigation begins into case of hit list on Facebook

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CRIME The investigation into a Vancouver Grade 12 student who allegedly posted a 117-name hit list on his Facebook page will be comprehensive and lengthy, a senior police officer said yesterday.

Vancouver Insp. Scott Thompson said school liaison officers teamed with detectives to begin interviews with the 71 Templeton Secondary School students and staff on the hit list. The 46 other people on the list had no immediate relation to the school.

"That's a lot of interviews to conduct," said Thompson.

The 18-year-old student, who would have graduated this year, was arrested Friday evening after six concerned students contacted police about the list.

A search of his home yielded a shotgun and ammunition, as well as a knife, sword, machete and two collapsible batons.

He appeared briefly in court again yesterday morning and was remanded until Friday.

His lawyer, David Karp, said outside Vancouver provincial court that his client comes from a "traditional Chinese family," and that the parents are very concerned for their son.

The student, who has been charged as an adult on seven firearm counts, has not been publicly named. Police are worried that releasing his identity could jeopardize any additional charges that may have occurred when he was a minor.

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What's online today.

Video Emotions run high after Alberta passes law allowing parents to remove kids from classes they find objectionable at **metronews.ca/canada**

Deportation date set for father

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Any hopes Fernando Navarro had of being allowed to stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds were dashed yesterday when immigration services ordered him deported on June 19 — the day before World Refugee Day.

The Honduran-born Surrey roofer and father of 10, whose wife is pregnant, was denied refugee status because he once worked as a drug mule for a Honduran drug lord.

Navarro said it's unfair to his large family that the poor choices he made as a youth could leave them without an income.

"I was so young. I didn't speak English, I was afraid to speak to people here," Navarro said, adding that, unfortunately, the people who did speak his language were involved with drugs.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Fernando and Rochelle Navarro, with their four-year-old daughter Mandolyn, at their Surrey home.

Navarro reapplied to stay on humanitarian grounds, but his change-of-address paperwork was allegedly lost and the Ministry of Immigration closed his file.

His wife, Rochelle, said their children are "devastated" at the thought of losing their father, especially their four little girls who cling to him whenever he heads out the door.

> **"If we can get this (case heard), I feel we can stop the deportation."**
> Rochelle Navarro

The Navarros said they tried to turn to their MP, Conservative Nina Grewal, for help, but she hasn't returned their calls.

When they went to the immigration offices yesterday for the deportation date, Rochelle said they were belittled by the staff.

"They said (Fernando) needs to pack his stuff," she said, adding that they asked how the family was going to be able to afford his plane fare.

"I'm starting to feel angry and mad," she said. "If we can get this (case heard), I feel we can stop the deportation."

Name change can be a tough choice

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NEWCOMERS Michelle Xie said she felt like a new person when she decided to replace her Chinese name with an English alternative.

"There were many names (to choose from)," said Xie, 27, who changed her name on Sunday. "I was named by my parents, and this time I gave myself a name."

The decision to adopt an English name is faced by many immigrants, who find there are advantages to making the switch.

Last month, a University of B.C. study found that job hunters with English names had a 40 per cent greater chance of finding employment.

> **"I didn't really want to have an English name. I thought my (given) name was quite easy ... It's (about) survival."**
> Natalie Tan

Xie, whose given name is Liang, moved to Vancouver from China in April.

She said people struggled to pronounce and remember her name and that's why she switched to Michelle.

"I didn't want to disappoint my family and forget about them and China. That's why I chose this one. It sounds like my family name."

Natalie Tan moved to Coquitlam from Singapore in May, and said giving up her given name — Peng Peng — was difficult.

"I didn't really want to have an English name," Tan said. "I thought my (given) name was quite easy. And it's me."

But Tan, 37, said her husband's friends could never remember her name, and she realized that it would make everyone's lives easier if she changed it.

"(Now) they don't give me weird looks," she said. "It's (about) survival."

News in brief

AUCTION Urban Barn is auctioning off an ottoman signed by K-os and the stars of Twilight, among others, after it served as the VIP seat at the Juno Awards in Vancouver. The ottoman is for sale on eBay, starting at $405. Proceeds from its sale will go to the David Suzuki Foundation.

SENTENCING A 22-year-old member of the UN gang has been sentenced to 18 months in jail after being caught with around $630,000 in cash and a handgun during a routine traffic stop, police said yesterday. Michael Keily was also given 24 months probation.

DRUGS A 31-year-old Maple Ridge woman is facing charges after RCMP found her in a home with what appeared to be large amounts of meth, crack cocaine, heroin and ecstasy in a drug raid. RCMP say the suspect, whose name has not been released, is a prolific offender.

COURT Vancouver's Downtown Community Court handled 1,269 offenders in its first eight months. Of those, 811 people completed 3,346 hours of community-service work, including helping in a community kitchen or cleaning up roads and sidewalks.

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Bachelorette to show off city

TV Vancouver will be featured in an episode of The Bachelorette that will be shown on ABC during prime time next week.

On Monday's episode, the Vancouver-born bachelorette, Jillian Harris, takes her 13 suitors on a trip to her hometown.

Lucky lady

- Jillian Harris, 29, was selected after being a fan favourite as a contestant on the most recent edition of The Bachelor. She's an interior designer with a degree from BCIT.

Dates include a romantic dinner at Grouse Mountain Resort, a kayaking excursion to Granville Island, a picnic in Stanley Park and a Vancouver harbour cruise aboard a luxury yacht.

The men stay at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver downtown, with the final rose ceremony being held in the hotel's historic Boardroom.

The exposure has Tourism Vancouver officials excited. A contest for a romantic getaway to Vancouver is being launched to capitalize on the TV appearance across the United States and Canada. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Bachelorette Jillian Harris

Woman injures head after Tasering

CONFRONTATION A 55-year-old woman suffered a serious head injury yesterday when she was Tasered by Vancouver police and struck her head on the concrete sidewalk.

Const. Jana McGuinness said the woman was waving a large folding knife in the unit block of East Hastings around 11:30 a.m.

An onlooker tried to wrest the knife from the woman, causing police to fire the Taser. The woman fell to the ground, striking her head. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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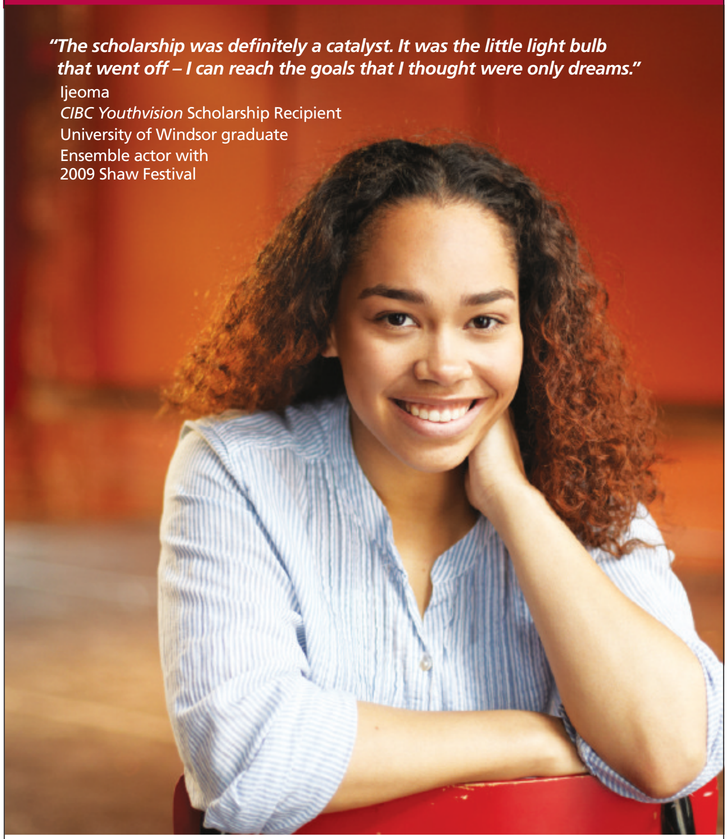

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Record heat hits Lower Mainland
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Huntington named Delta South MLA

RECOUNT Independent candidate Vicki Huntington has been confirmed as the Delta South MLA after a judicial recount was completed yesterday.

She defeated Liberal candidate Wally Oppal by 32 votes, according to the recount of ballots cast in the May 12 provincial election.

Huntington is the first Independent MLA elected since the 1940s.

After the two recounts, she finishes with 9,977 votes to Oppal's 9,945.

Oppal, who left a relatively safe seat in Vancouver-Fraserview to run in his home riding of Delta South, is B.C.'s attorney general.

The results leave the Liberals with a 49-seat majority in the 85-seat legislature. The NDP have 35 and Huntington holds the final seat.

MLAs will be sworn in next week.

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Donate National Hunger Awareness Day

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A passerby grabs cans of Campbell's soup outside Pacific Centre to donate to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank yesterday. The soup — which was stacked to spell "hunger" — was donated as part of a National Hunger Awareness Day campaign.

Car sharing a practical way to a guilt-free trip

Sunny Side

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SHARE With the economy in the dumps, gas prices soaring and the environment on everyone's minds, "car" is becoming a dirty word.

But there is a guilt-free scenario that lets Vancouverites get behind the wheel without breaking the bank or polluting the skies — which is especially relevant today on Clean Air Day.

Tanya Paz with the Co-operative Auto Network said car sharing is a practical, sustainable transportation option that lets members essentially borrow a car whenever the need arises.

Members pay as little as $20 to join and simply sign out one of 225 cars parked on streets around the city when they need one.

"We have to start thinking differently (about transportation)," Paz said. "Not owning a car altogether doesn't work. You need (one) sometimes."

She said when drivers have to book a car they tend to combine their errands and opt for walking, biking or public transit otherwise.

"This is helping keep Vancouver green," said Paz.

News in brief

ERICKSON The life and legacy of iconic Vancouver architect Arthur Erickson will be celebrated at Simon Fraser University on June 14 with a memorial service.

AMTRAK The provincial or federal government needs to step up and ensure that a $1,500-a-day customs and immigrations charge doesn't derail a second Amtrak train between Vancouver and Seattle, Mayor Gregor Robertson said yesterday.

ARREST West Vancouver Police have arrested one person in connection with the installation of debit card skimming equipment at a now-closed Quizno's.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Teen girl dies after being hit by truck

FATALITY A 15-year-old girl has died after stumbling off a Surrey sidewalk and into the path of an oncoming semi truck, police said.

The truck was travelling southbound on 104th Avenue on Monday night when it hit the girl, said RCMP Sgt. Roger Morrow.

"As part of this investigation, the vehicle involved will be given a commercial motor vehicle inspection," Morrow added. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Mediator sought by gallery workers

ART Workers at the Vancouver Art Gallery are asking for a mediator after a strike vote last week did little to move negotiations along.

Members of CUPE 15, which consists of 120 workers at the gallery, voted 96 per cent in favour of a strike last Thursday after negotiating since March 17.

CUPE 15 president Paul Faoro said "the employer is not willing to budge or accommodate these workers in any way."

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Regulator may come soon: Expert

The global financial crisis has made it more likely that Canada will soon create a national securities regulator, an idea that has been mulled for decades, the former head of a government-backed panel on the issue said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Canada

Victims will have right to sue: MP

Canadian victims of terrorism will have the right to sue — through this country's courts — those responsible for the attacks under new legislation introduced by Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan in Ottawa yesterday. "We believe it's critical and important that we keep our citizens safe, that we fight the threat of terrorism here and abroad," Van Loan told reporters on Parliament Hill. **REUTERS**

Liberals mull pulling plug on Parliament

POLITICS The federal Liberal party said yesterday it was unhappy with the minority Conservative government's record and would likely decide next week whether to continue backing it.

"Canadians don't want an election. I don't want an election, but we have a problem, a serious problem, about this government's competence," Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff told reporters.

"We'll make a serene and clear decision (on whether to support the government), probably in the middle of next week."

The Liberals, who have until now kept the Conservatives in power, would need the support of both other opposition parties in the House of Commons to bring down the government, and that backing is by no means guaranteed.

Ignatieff said the government would submit its quarterly report card on its economic performance next week, and the Liberals would decide what to do after seeing that report.

Government officials have signalled that the report card would be delivered in early June but they refused yesterday to confirm it would be next week.

One flashpoint could come in a vote or series of votes on routine government financing measures. These votes, automatically confidence measures, will be held before the House adjourns on June 23.

The Liberals are also entitled before the end of the session to move a motion of non-confidence, which also could trigger an election if the other opposition parties back it. **REUTERS**

Bank report

- Ignatieff cited an economic report by Toronto-Dominion Bank, which forecast federal budget deficits totalling $167.1 billion over five years, as demonstrating the government's incompetence.

$5.5B more for jobless: Flaherty

UNEMPLOYMENT Canada will spend an extra $5.5 billion this year on benefits for the unemployed under the country's existing Employment Insurance (EI) program, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

"The amount of EI benefits that are being paid out is higher because of the increased unemployment in certain regions of the country. As you know, it's an automatic stabilizer," Flaherty said.

Flaherty told Parliament Ottawa will be investing $5.5 billion more in EI benefits this year. **REUTERS**

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Bracing for Bill 44 backlash

Alberta teachers stumped over controversial law, board chief says

Passing of a heavily debated human rights law meant to keep sex, religion and sexual orientation from falling on young ears seems to have left Alberta's teachers with more questions than answers.

Deliberations on Bill 44 raged on into the early morning hours yesterday, ending in a unanimous Tory vote supporting it.

Alberta School Board Association president Heather Welwood said teachers across the province are bracing for the backlash of the bill.

"It's going to take awhile before we understand the implications and what's required," she said. "It won't be business as usual. It's going to take dollars to put those things in place."

Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett said he will be in close contact with teacher's school boards to "quell any misconceptions that may have been created" during the debates.

Amendments to the bill exempt off-the-cuff controversial conversations between students and teachers, though Welwood predicts impromptu chats could become subject for human rights complaints.

Teachers won't stray from the status quo with lessons until details about Bill 44 are drafted, which she said could take up to three years.

"It has the school board on edge until we know what we're dealing with," Welwood said.

Though in-class discussions of same-sex relationships and religion are now optional by law, Welwood wants parents to work with their child's school before filing a human rights complaint if they feel ill-informed.

"We want parents to know their first stop is still the school," she said.

Blackett suggested the Alberta Human Rights Commission may work with the boards to implement a plan they "will feel comfortable with to ensure there will be no cases brought up" to the commission.

"We in Alberta believe in family values, and the family is at the core of what makes a great community," said Blackett, adding he expects to see no complaints about teachers filed to the commission. **METRO CANADA**

> **"We in Alberta believe in family values."**
> Lindsay Blackett,
> Alberta culture minister

Teens lack sex education: Study

SEXUALITY Teens are being sexually active but are not getting the information or services they need to be properly educated about sex, according to a report on sexual health released yesterday.

Planned Parenthood Toronto, York University, the University of Toronto, Wilfrid Laurier University and Toronto Public Health produced the survey.

In one of the largest studies of its kind, 1,216 Toronto teens aged 13 to 18 of different racial backgrounds and sexual orientation were interviewed about their sexual experiences by other teens between December 2006 and August 2007. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Halifax cops file rights complaints

POLICE A veteran Halifax Regional Police officer claims he has been passed over for promotions because of his skin colour despite having the skills necessary for the positions he pursued.

Const. Charles Bruce, an African Nova Scotian who has spent 16 years protecting citizens, announced yesterday he has filed a human rights complaint against both the local police force and the municipality. He joins other officers in filing complaints with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission based on race. **METRO CANADA**

Calgary **Jazzing it up**

ROBIN KUSINSKI/FOR METRO CANADA

Luis Tovar plays congos with his band Cumako on Stephen Avenue to promote the 30th annual Calgary Jazz Festival. Jazz on the Ave will run from June 22 to 28.

Charges flawed: Lawyer for Ottawa mayor

Convicting Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien of influencing or pretending to influence a political appointment would have "absurd and preposterous results" for Canadian politicians, a member of O'Brien's defence team argued yesterday.

In an outline of the defence's verdict application, David Paciocco, a University of Ottawa law professor, told Judge Douglas Cunningham that political advantage is too "ephemeral" to be considered a reward.

"Even if (the Crown) managed to establish everything they set out to prove, no conviction can emanate on these charges," he said. "The terms reward, benefit or advantage of any kind cannot be interpreted literally. It would lead to absurd and preposterous results."

O'Brien is facing two criminal charges relating to allegations that he attempted to secure an appointment to the National Parole Board for Terry Kilrea, in exchange for Kilrea dropping out of the 2006 mayoral campaign.

The reality, Paciocco said, is that since the inception of the nation, political appointments have been made and discussed in exchange for political reasons.

"If negotiating with someone or offering someone an appointment in exchange for political advantage is a criminal offence, we will be declaring the conduct of many honourable members and indeed prime ministers of this country criminal," he said.

Paciocco said it would be pointless for it to be criminal for "Larry and Moe to argue what position Curly's going to get in the event that Larry and Moe might someday fall into power."

Paciocco said the defence team has arranged for testimony from an expert witness, and they have a pile of documents over a foot high that would support their position.

Crown attorney Scott Hutchison said he believes that in this case, political advantage could be considered a reward or benefit, but he had no quarrel with the defence argument.

The trial resumes Monday. **METRO CANADA**

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Judge voices 'concern' over spy agency

PROBE A Federal Court judge has suggested he does not trust CSIS to investigate itself after the spy agency admitted last week to withholding damaging information about an informant.

The information is related to Ottawa's effort to deport alleged terrorism suspect Mohamed Harkat.

The federal government, through its lawyers, says the Canadian Security Intelligence Service is investigating why the information was not disclosed earlier to the judge or to special court-appointed advocates hearing classified evidence in secret.

That didn't satisfy Justice Simon Noel. He asked lawyers to make submissions by tomorrow about how best to proceed to ensure the "integrity" of the judicial process.

Noel last week ordered the uncensored information, including the identity of the human source, be handed over to the court and the special advocates. The information was produced Monday.

But Noel wondered aloud whether information had been kept from Madam Justice Eleanor Dawson, who in March 2005 upheld the government's original security certificate against Harkat.

A security certificate is an extraordinary immigration warrant that relies on secret evidence and is used to deport individuals deemed a threat to Canada.

"That is a deep concern of mine, not only for the case in the proceeding in front of us but also for the institutions that are at play in the judicial system, including the CSIS," Noel said.

He suggested the government-appointed watchdogs of CSIS — either the inspector general's office, which reports to the public safety minister, or the independent civilian Security Intelligence Review Committee — may have to investigate what went wrong.

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News in brief

QUEBEC Quebec Health Minister Yves Bolduc wants to begin retesting some breast cancer patients as soon as possible to ensure they're getting the correct treatment. He said yesterday that he will adopt all of the Quebec College of Physicians' recommendations to address problems at provincial pathology labs laid out in a report last week.

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Comment

Seeking common ground

Abortion issue 'has both a moral, spiritual dimension'

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As I'm about to launch into the abortion "debate" ("melee" is more like it) at this late date in my life and career, I can only conclude I've learned nothing about keeping my mouth shut when it's prudent to do so.

Still, I'm inspired by Barack Obama … once again. The U.S. president, who has become something of a poster boy for common sense, showed his chops again recently, accepting an invitation to address the graduating class at Notre Dame — a Catholic university and a hotbed of anti-abortion sentiment.

What he said made a lot of sense, whatever side you're on. "Maybe we won't agree on abortion," he said. "But we can still agree that this heart-wrenching decision for any woman is not made casually. It has both a moral and a spiritual dimension."

He went on: "When we open our hearts and our minds to those who may not think or believe what we do — that's when we discover at least the possibility of common ground."

Wise words. Compassionate words. Civilized words. But many of his audience had crosses or little infants' feet painted on their mortarboards. Three dozen protesters were carted away for trying to disrupt the U.S. president's speech. They weren't interested in common ground.

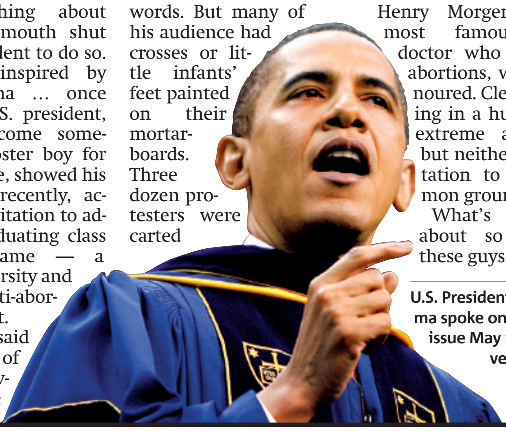
And then, this past Sunday, two weeks after Obama's address, some guy in Kansas shot and killed a doctor who performed abortions while the doctor was serving as an usher at his church.

Meanwhile, up here, the archbishop of Montreal, Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, resigned from the Order of Canada because Henry Morgentaler, our most famous/notorious doctor who performed abortions, was also honoured. Clearly, resigning in a huff is not as extreme as murder, but neither is an invitation to seek common ground.

What's interesting about so many of these guys is that they are guys. Perhaps feeling left out because they can't get pregnant, they indulge in righteous rage. Convinced that every sperm is sacred, that even the most rudimentary stages in the development of the human fetus must be protected, they're not about to pause and allow reason to inform the discussion even if it leads to the final absurdity: Take life to save life.

Frankly, I don't like abortion. But I don't like the alternative, which is unwanted pregnancy, or back-street butchery. And it seems obvious: Stem cell research is moral light years away from late-term abortion. The issue is complex and vexing, and I applaud Obama's attempt to find common ground. But in abortion, we have an issue that exposes civilization as a thin crust spread lightly over a seething mass of molten mayhem.

Wise words, I fear, are not enough.



U.S. President Barack Obama spoke on the abortion issue May 17 at the University of Notre Dame.

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Word on the street: Should Canada have more legislated vacation days?

Ayane Ogawa

age 22, Vancouver

A: Yes … Holidays are great because if you end up working you make more money, and if you don't then you can enjoy the day.

Toby Kong

age 25, Vancouver

A: Oh yeah, we definitely need more. Full-time employees in Vancouver are too stressed out.

Mina Sadat

age 22, Vancouver

A: I think everyone would want more holidays, but I think we have enough. I'm thinking from an employer's point of view and the cost involved in having more holidays.

Richard Kevis

age 19, Calgary

A: Probably not. Days off aren't really practical. They're not really used for anything. They're not really necessary to the system.

Gwen Rowe

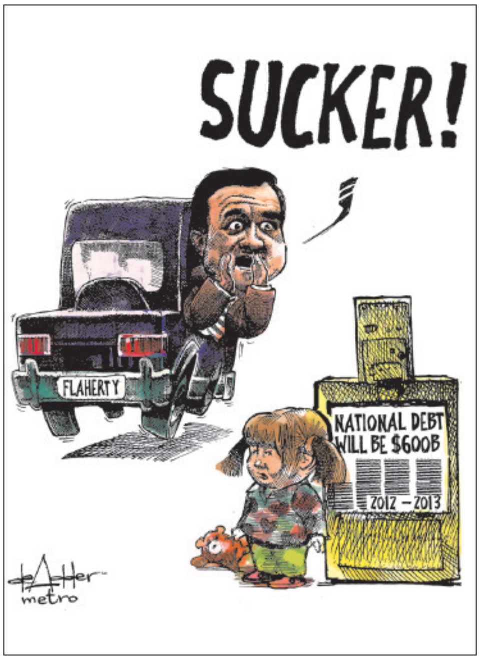
age 40, Conquerall Mills, N.S.

A: No, I think we're fine. A lot of work places have two or three weeks vacation. It's pretty good as it is.

Antonio Olivito

age 26, Toronto

A: Yes. It's important to get away from the craziness of life every once in awhile … to have more quality time with friends and family.



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Worth mentioning

Using modern means to keep ancient faith

Guardians of an ancient faith with a cameo role in the Bible, the 750 surviving followers of the Samaritan religion are using surprisingly modern methods to keep their tiny community alive.

Internet acquaintances, mail-order brides and pre-nuptial genetic tests have all become familiar to Samaritans trying to plan future generations despite a shortage of young women within their own tight-knit community.

Such openness to the outside world seems baffling in a group that considers itself the original Israelites and upholds rigid traditions about diet, sex and the Sabbath.

Half of the community lives in the tidy modern village of Kiryat Luza on Mount Gerizim, the faith's holy mountain in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, and the other half lives in the Israeli town of Holon near Tel Aviv.

Husney Kohen, 65, one of the faith's 12 hereditary priests, saw no contradiction in the lifestyle of a community that numbered more than a million in the late Roman Empire, but is now, as he puts it, "the smallest sect in the world."

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720 BC

The Samaritans trace their ancestry to the northern Israelite kingdom that was destroyed by the Assyrians in around 720 BC. Their faith shares many similarities with Judaism.

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Too much TV can hurt language development: Study
Too much television can lead to less human interaction and may hamper a baby's ability to learn language and speak, according to a new study. **REUTERS**

World

Plane debris found

Brazilian military planes have found the wreckage of an Air France jet that crashed in the Atlantic Ocean with 228 people on board earlier this week, the defence minister said yesterday.

Nelson Jobim said there was "no doubt" that the five-kilometre strip of wreckage was from the Airbus A330 that went missing early on Monday after flying into stormy weather.

"It confirms that the plane fell in this area," Jobim said in Rio de Janeiro, from where the plane took off on Sunday night for its planned route to Paris.

The debris spotted by Brazilian air force pilots earlier yesterday included plane seats, an orange buoy, metallic objects and fuel stains in the water about 1,200 kilometres northeast of the Brazilian coastal city of Recife.

Jobim said no bodies had yet been sighted by military pilots who scoured the area and that finding the "black box" flight data and voice recorders that hold clues to why the plane crashed would be a "extremely difficult."

The chances of finding survivors among the 12 crew and 216 passengers appeared close to zero, meaning it would be the worst disaster in Air France's 75-year history.

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Kabul **Mr. Afghanistan**

OMAR SOBHANI / REUTERS

Afghan men strike a pose during the Mr. Afghanistan national bodybuilding competition at a cinema hall in Kabul yesterday. Hundreds entered the annual competition, organized by Afghanistan's national Olympic organization.

Violence up worldwide amid recession: Study

RANKINGS The economic downturn has made the world more violent and unstable in the last year, according to a study that ranked New Zealand as the most peaceful country and Iraq the least.

High food and fuel prices in early 2008 and the deepening recession eroded peace, according to the Global Peace Index, compiled by a unit of The Economist magazine group.

Economic weakening has increased political instability, demonstrations and crime in some countries, according to the study, which is online at visionofhumanity.org/gpi/home.php.

Iceland, the most peaceful nation out of the 144 ranked last year, fell to fourth place after violent protests over its economic meltdown and was replaced by New Zealand. Canada was ranked eighth.

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News in brief

CHINA Access to the popular social networking service Twitter and email service Hotmail was blocked across mainland China yesterday, two days before the 20th anniversary of the bloody Tiananmen Square crackdown. Residents of Guangdong province reported that television stations from neighbouring Hong Kong had also been blocked. **REUTERS**

Obama to tackle tough issues in Middle East talk

VISIT U.S. President Barack Obama will try to repair U.S. ties to the Islamic world this week in a speech from the Middle East that aides say will reach out to Muslims but deal with tough issues like violent extremism.

Obama, who departed yesterday, will try to fix some of the damage to America's image caused by the Iraq war, U.S. treatment of military detainees and the lack of progress in Mideast peace talks.

Al-Qaida's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahri, urged Egyptians to reject Obama's visit, seen as a charm offensive, and called him a "criminal." **REUTERS**

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Shark kills French tourist

A shark attacked and killed a French tourist diving in a remote site off Egypt's Red Sea coast yesterday, in the first fatal shark attack in the Arab country since 2004, state media and a French embassy official said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

PORN Indonesia's mainly Hindu island of Bali has no intention of enforcing a controversial anti-porn law passed last year because it conflicts with local culture and tradition, the provincial governor said in an email interview. **REUTERS**

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Climate change threatens Mideast stability: Study

Climate change could spark "environmental wars" in the Middle East over already scarce water supplies and dissuade Israel from any pullout from occupied Arab land, an international report said yesterday.

Almost 10 years of failed peace talks between Syria and Israel have focused on water in and around the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. The vital resource is also a point of conflict between Israel and Palestinians seeking a state.

Regarding the Syria-Israel dispute, the report said Israeli concerns about "food security and reduced agricultural productivity could shift the strategic calculation on whether to withdraw" from the Golan Heights, occupied in a 1967 war.

"The expectation of coming environmental wars might imply that the way to deal with shrinking resources is to increase military control over them," said the Danish-funded study by the International Institute for Sustainable Development, an independent organization headquartered in Canada.

The Golan supplies 30 per cent of the water for the Lake of Galilee, Israel's main water reservoir.

Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the report said sea-level rises as a result of climate change threatened to contaminate Gaza's sole aquifer supplying 1.5 million Palestinians in the territory.

The coastal aquifer, which is shared by Israel, is the only source of fresh drinking water for Gaza, controlled by the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas. The report said its water quality was abysmal.

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Water shortages by 2050 projected

- The study raised the spectre of water shortages and climate-induced crises hitting the economies of Syria, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon and the Palestinian territories. The area's population is forecast to grow in 40 years to 71 million people from last year's 42 million.

News in brief

MEXICO The rounding up of thousands of suspects in Mexico's drug war has left the already unruly prison system overwhelmed with jailbreaks and struggling to contain deadly riots between inmates from rival gangs.

DRAWING A long-lost masterpiece by French painter Jacques-Louis David was shown publicly for the first time in 84 years at Sotheby's in New York yesterday ahead of its auction in London. The 1813 drawing is called Alexander watching Apelles painting Campaspe. **REUTERS**

U.S. troops leaving all Iraqi cities on schedule: Commander

U.S. combat forces will vacate all Iraqi cities on schedule by the end of this month, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said yesterday, including the insurgent stronghold of Mosul.

U.S. combat troops are scheduled to leave Iraq's towns and cities by June 30 and redeploy to bases outside, according to a security pact that took effect in January.

But some U.S. and Iraqi officials had suggested this might have to be delayed for Mosul, which is still plagued by al-Qaida and other insurgent groups, who stage frequent attacks.

Asked whether U.S. combat forces were on track for a total pullout from all cities, including Mosul, Army General Ray Odierno said: "We are. We have done a joint assessment ... We have finalized that."

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San Francisco unites with Twitter for civic service centre
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Chrysler sales fall

The taint of bankruptcy court protection and idle plants slashed Chrysler Canada's business by half last month.

Sales for the reeling auto giant, which is offering huge incentives under a "Buy With Confidence" program, crashed by more than 13,600 to 13,657 vehicles in May from the same month last year.

Chrysler topped the market only a few months ago but slid to fifth place in May.

Overall sales of new cars and trucks in Canada fell 16.5 per cent, or almost 30,500, to 154,018 vehicles during the month. It marked the seventh consecutive month that auto sales have declined here. GM said its sales in Canada fell 12.4 per cent to 31,784 vehicles in May.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada reported that sales dropped 7.3 per cent to 21,900 in May, but the automaker increased its market share for the seventh consecutive month.

Most other major automakers posted negative results, including Toyota and Honda.

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Hummer

- GM said yesterday it reached a tentative deal to sell its Hummer brand to China's Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Co.

Banks increase mortgage rates

FINANCE Canada's biggest banks are hiking key mortgage rates at a time when the bond market is worried about risk and the threat of inflation.

Royal Bank of Canada, Bank of Montreal, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce increased posted rates on five-year, fixed-rate mortgages by 0.2 per cent to 5.45 per cent. The changes at RBC and BMO took effect yesterday, while new rates at TD, Scotiabank and CIBC will be available today.

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Business in brief

GAMING Microsoft Corp. has offered a glimpse into a future where the Xbox 360 console is the centerpiece of any living room, and games, social interaction and communications are controlled with the wave of a hand. The company unveiled Project Natal, which uses a camera to track a user's movements via full skeletal mapping. It also recognizes voices and vocal commands.

ASSETS Canada's government is reviewing only some of its holdings this year for possible inclusion in an asset sale as it grapples with a record budget deficit, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday in response to a Globe and Mail report that said all of the government's assets were being considered.

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Slice aims to be The Ultimate Fighter
Spike TV announced yesterday that Internet phenomenon and former street brawler Kimbo Slice will take part in Season 10 of The Ultimate Fighter, competing to win a contract with the UFC. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Fans rewarding Bay

Early American League all-star fan vote results were released yesterday and Jason Bay of Trail, B.C., left, is leading outfielders with 729,950 votes. The Boston Red Sox star is batting .288 with 15 home runs and 49 RBI so far this year. Aaron Hill is the leading Toronto Blue Jay with 388,457 votes, good for fourth among second basemen. The all-star game is July 14 in St. Louis. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Soccer **Win for Whitecaps**

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The Vancouver Whitecap's Charles Gbeke and Toronto FC's Adrian Serioux head the ball during their soccer match in Burnaby last night. The Whitecaps won 2-0 as Ansu Toure netted his first two goals since joining the team.

Pens back in it

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Pittsburgh's Ruslan Fedotenko celebrates Maxime Talbot's first-period goal last night in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final. Pittsburgh won the game 4-2.

Sergei Gonchar's power-play goal midway through the third period broke a 2-2 tie, and Maxime Talbot's empty-net tally in the final minute of regulation cemented Pittsburgh's 4-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals in Pittsburgh last night.

Talbot also scored in the opening period along with Kris Letang for Pittsburgh, which now trails the best-of-seven series 2-1.

Marc-Andre Fleury was strong with 27 saves in the victory, including 14 stops in the second period. The Penguins were on cruise control in the middle stanza, but came alive in the final 20 minutes to get back in the series.

The two teams will meet again in Pittsburgh on Thursday for Game 4.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL Roy Halladay struck out a career-high 14 batters in picking up his major-league-leading ninth win this season, guiding the Blue Jays to a 6-4 victory over the Angels in the opener of a three-game series. Halladay (9-1) threw 133 pitches in what was his second complete game this season.

TENNIS Maria Sharapova left the French Open yesterday following a 6-0, 6-2, quarter-final demolition by Slovak Dominika Cibulkova, but it was not all bad news as she had finally won over the fickle Roland Garros crowd, which had jeered her in 2007 and 2008.

PANTHERS Sports Properties Acquisition Corp., a group formed specifically to invest in sports properties, has reportedly agreed to buy the Florida Panthers, the team's home arena, an arena management company and some land surrounding the arena for $240 million US.

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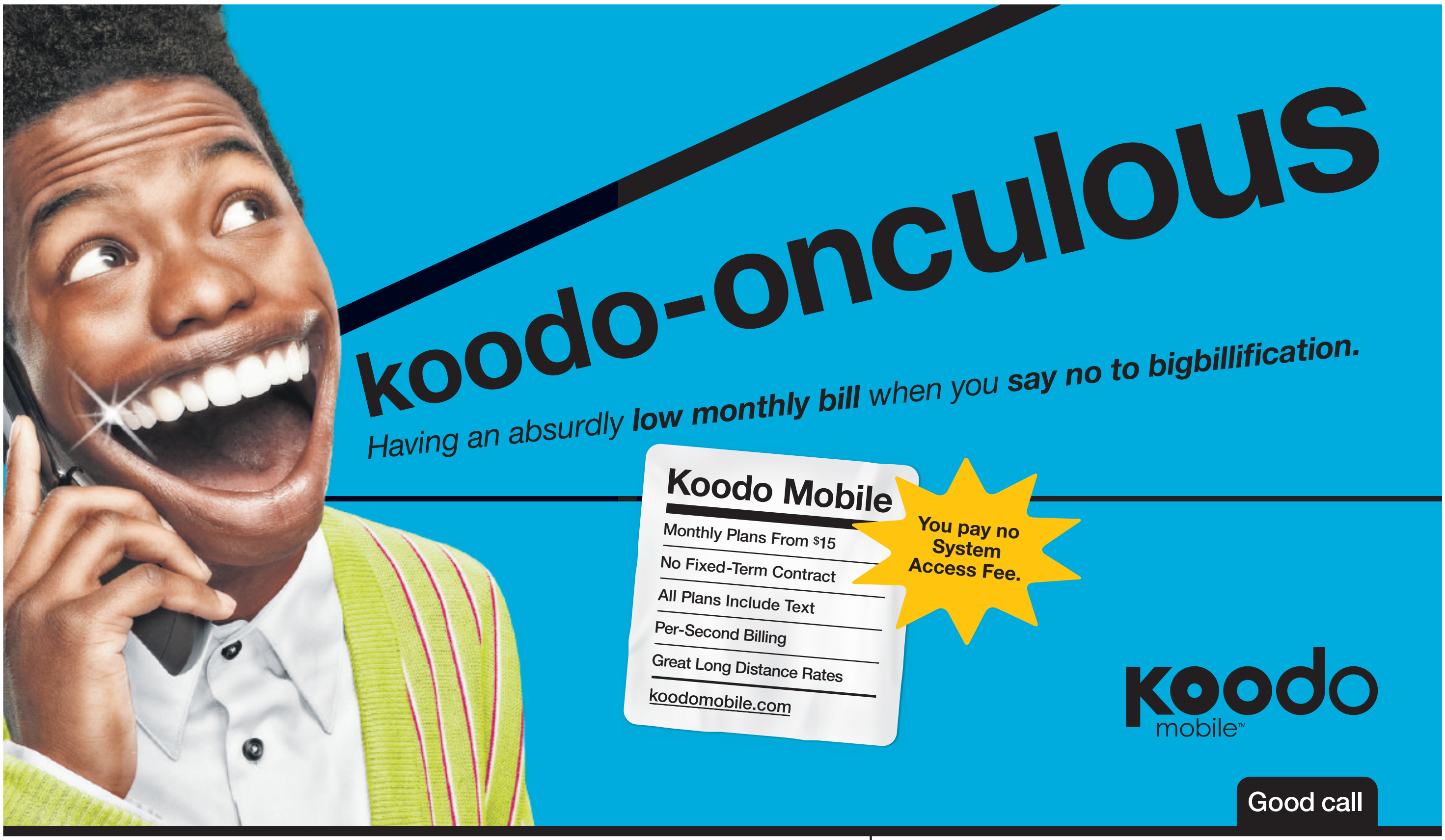

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No new rules on head shots

After rehashing the subject yesterday, the NHL still has no plans to implement stricter rules on hits to the head.

"I'm not running for office here — I don't care if people agree with what I say. I'm telling you, there were 30 GMs in that room and there's no appetite for an automatic penalty (for a head check)," said Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke after he emerged from a meeting of general managers and presidents in Toronto.

The topic of head shots was, apparently, one of the more interesting discussions during the day-long gathering. And while the players are expected to push for a penalty for head checking when the competition committee meets this summer, Burke said the "existing penalties make sense" and are liked by managers.

"At some point, a player has a responsibility for keeping his head up, too," said Burke. "There's only two sports where there's no safe haven, where you can step out of bounds and be safe. That's mixed martial arts and hockey. There's a reason for that. It's supposed to be a tough physical game, and part of that is you've got to protect yourself. You have to avoid putting yourself in vulnerable positions.

> **"At some point, a player has a responsibility for keeping his head up, too."**
> Brian Burke

"In the leagues where they've put in an automatic penalty, I think it's dramatically reduced hitting. We have no desire to reduce the amount of contact that takes place on our ice surface."

Though less sensational, the league also yesterday approved a Burke initiative — something for which he says he has been pushing since 1994 — to create an award for GM of the year. Details have yet to be worked out, but it should be presented for the first time at the end of next season.

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Investment in university campus projects

The federal and Ontario governments announced joint infrastructure funding for the province's colleges and universities. Funding includes $50 million for the University of Western Ontario and $28 million for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Centre for Excellence

Okanagan College has launched a website with which visitors can track the development of the $28 million Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation, to be built at the college's Penticton campus. The school plans to install a webcam on the building site to allow users to watch the construction online. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Company a temp works at may become employer

WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

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How do employers adapt to a workplace legal landscape generally tilted in favour of employees?

Concerned about the costs and liabilities associated with the traditional employer-employee relationship, companies have increasingly turned to non-conventional employment arrangements, believing that through these devices they will be automatically relieved of liability for regulatory complaints, employment standards claims, tax penalties and lawsuits by disgruntled employees. But a new era of corporate workplace responsibility has dawned — and with it many of these employers may now be mistaken.

TEMPORARY STAFFING AGENCIES In the current economy, businesses have increasingly turned to staffing agencies to fill their empty cubicles instead of making expensive commitments to longer-term employees. In exchange for a fee, the agency recruits, screens, hires and pays the employees. But a company must take precautions to avoid being viewed as the true employer. If a temporary employee continues to perform work for the company after her assignment ends, or if an assignment lasts so long that it is not really temporary at all, she may no longer be viewed as an employee of the agency and may be the responsibility of the employer. If such an employee is later fired or seeks to rely on other labour standards created by legislation, a court will often find that the company she worked at, not the company she worked for, has become her true employer.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OR CONSULTANTS Labelling a worker as a contractor or consultant is not dispositive, even if that worker agrees or encourages that arrangement in order to avoid taxes. Tribunals and courts will always consider the true nature of the relationship in order to determine how the parties actually behaved. When they act as if the worker was an actually an employee, that is exactly how they will be treated under legislation and the common law when there is a dispute.

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Cooking with Conviction — and some ex-convicts

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Veteran chef and restauranteur Marc Thuet is taking a bite out of crime the only way he knows how — by putting former convicts to work creating food worth biting into.

In a former life, the staff of Thuet's most arresting restaurant, Conviction, may have robbed a local bank branch or sold their last belongings to feed an addiction to drugs.

Now, they create and serve gourmet-quality food to customers and relish a second chance to make something meaningful of their lives.

Located in Toronto, Conviction's kitchen and dining room is staffed by 13 ex-convicts — seven in the kitchen and six out on the dining floor.

Wary diners can relax, however — there are absolutely no murders, rapists or violent offenders among the roster. Instead, most of the ex-cons on staff came to Conviction through non-violent crimes or from having struggled with substance abuse problems, something Thuet is no stranger to himself.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Chef Mark Thuet oversees saucier Scott Law — who is a convicted bank robber, but has paid his debt to society — in the kitchen of Conviction, the new Toronto restaurant staffed by ex-convicts.

A recovering former drug and alcohol addict, the tattooed, bleached-blond Thuet feels a kinship with the ex-cons in his kitchen who he says are just as worthy of a second chance as anyone.

"It's very important for people to see when you take these people and speak to them, they are nothing like the image people have of them. Once people see that, they're going to realize they're really decent human beings," he said.

Biana Zorich, Thuet's wife and business partner, says so far the staff have been exemplary and she hopes their zeal for doing an honest day's work creating outstanding food will give them back a sense of belonging in society.

"We want to bring back their confidence and self esteem. They're really intent on proving to the two of us how much they care and how honest they are," Zorich said.

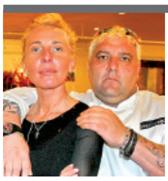
Now a saucier at Conviction, Scott Law, 36, always loved food but chose a darker path in life — he was convicted of nine bank robberies throughout Southern Ontario until he was caught in 1994, crimes he did to feed gambling and cocaine addictions. After serving his time, finding work was nearly impossible with his criminal record hanging over him and feels like he's been given an unbelievable opportunity to go straight by Thuet.

"To actually be able to learn from such a wonderful chef is amazing. It's such a recipe for success," Law said.

Production company Cineflix is filming a documentary on Conviction to be aired in fall but for Thuet, the focus is squarely on the food and running a successful business.

Thuet shut down his previous restaurant, Bite Me, to make way for Conviction and invested in big renovations to the kitchen and dining area, something he admits is a big gamble but he is betting on the skill and commitment he's already seen from his staff of ex-cons.

"It's a massive risk. You have to have balls to do it. Passion is important and you can see (the staff) are very passionate about food," he said.



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> Chef Marc Thuet, pictured here with his wife and business partner, Biana Zorich

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Getting you back on your feet

Chiropodist says helping people with foot issues can increase quality of life

Head to
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JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Chiropody is for doctors who love a quick hit of success. "I've seen an elderly lady walking in with two canes ending up walking without a cane. Those are the kinds of things that will stay with you forever," says Andrew Springer, a chiropodist in Oshawa, Ont.

"Career-wise, it's a wonderful opportunity for people who like immediate gratification because you get to impact on their quality of life," he explains. "I've often said to family doctors that we're luckier than they are, because so often people go in (to family doctors) when they're sick and they don't see them again until they're sick again. We get to make them feel better."

Springer started out in zoology, but both of his parents independently suggested chiropody to him. "I decided to check it out. I had to chose between bugs and people, and people it was," the past president of the Ontario Society of Chiropodists explains.

Chiropody, the treatment of feet and their ailments, is for doctors who love a quick hit of success.

Springer, who also served on the board of the College of Chiropodists of Ontario, has been working since 1983. He's plied his trade in hospitals and health-care clinics across Ontario and, like most chiropodists, wound up in private practice. He says chiropodists work hand in hand — or foot in foot? — with other doctors.

"We have to understand about all the body systems and how they're integrated. We have to be in a position to recognize other conditions so we can refer appropriately," he says. "If you stick with a rational treatment plan for somebody, 90 per cent of time you see an improvement in their comfort. It really can be a quality of life issue."

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> Chiropodist Dr. Andrew Springer

Problems of the feet sometimes point to bigger issues. When Springer worked in a general hospital, he had to rush a patient to emergency. "The evidence I saw in front of me was that he'd recently had a stroke and he didn't even know."

The victim had sat down in his La-Z-Boy and couldn't get up. He had problems walking and went to Stringer in the hopes a shoe insert would sort things out. "They think it's nothing related to anything bigger, 'My feet just aren't working properly.'"

To become a chiropodist, you need an undergraduate degree before studying at a health institute that teaches chiropody.

"It prepares people to deal with all the diseases, disorders and dysfunctions of the foot," says Springer.

Positives to be found amid recession

Sunny **Side**

SILVER LINING Although the downturn has proven tough for workers, those who are still employed say they're gaining more from the experience than just managing to keep their jobs. Seventy-seven per cent of professionals interviewed cited at least one positive effect the recession has had on their jobs, including the ability to tackle new projects (53 per cent), assume additional responsibility (52 per cent) and take on more challenging work (52 per cent). But according to most respondents, the extra work has yet to be formally rewarded: Only 12 per cent said they have received promotions.

The national survey included responses from 457 workers 18 years of age or older and employed full or part time in an office environment. It was conducted by an independent research firm and developed by Accountemps.

"Because of the realities of today's business environment, firms are working with leaner teams, which has, out of necessity, given many professionals the opportunity to take on greater challenges and expand their skill sets," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. "But some employees may be struggling to keep up, and employers need to ensure they provide the resources staff need to be successful and avoid becoming overburdened."

Messmer added, "While many employees are willing to stick it out during difficult times, companies must be prepared to reward those who have taken on added responsibilities as soon as business conditions improve or risk losing valued staff."

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New Cadillacs announced
Cadillac has announced that it will launch two new models for 2010, the all-new SRX Crossover and the CTS Sport Wagon. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Face the music

Electronics giant Toshiba is developing in-car facial recognition technology that will allow people to change a car's audio system with a blink of an eye or a turn of the head, wired.com reports.

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Tweet, blog, take a ride

Automakers using social media to get message across

MICHAEL GOETZ
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Automakers have been using traditional marketing medias — like print, billboards, and television — for decades. But there's a new automotive marketing force in town — social media.

Of course "social media" is the more scholarly term for networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, YouTube, Flickr, etc.

And, two major auto-related "social media" initiatives of late have been widely successful, and news travels at warp speed in these social media circles.

One of those initiatives is the Fiesta Movement. As part of Ford's social media blitz, 100 young, American trendsetters will drive and live with a European-spec Fiesta for six months, travelling as agents on special missions, who then relate their experiences through various sites.

Nissan embraced new social media to launch the new Cube with hypercube.ca — essentially an online stage for 500 creative thinkers to demonstrate their social creativity in "Cube worthiness."

"We were already using social media as part of our regular communication channels, and that made it all the easier for us to try something as bold as the Fiesta Movement," notes Scott Monty, who heads up social media at Ford (his official title is global and multimedia communications manager).

"YouTube videos, Creative Commons-licensed Flickr photos, social media news releases, Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, documents shared on Scribd, the development of TheFordStory.com, bloggers being included in media events — it all meant that we were committed to this new form of connecting with customers."

GETTY IMAGES

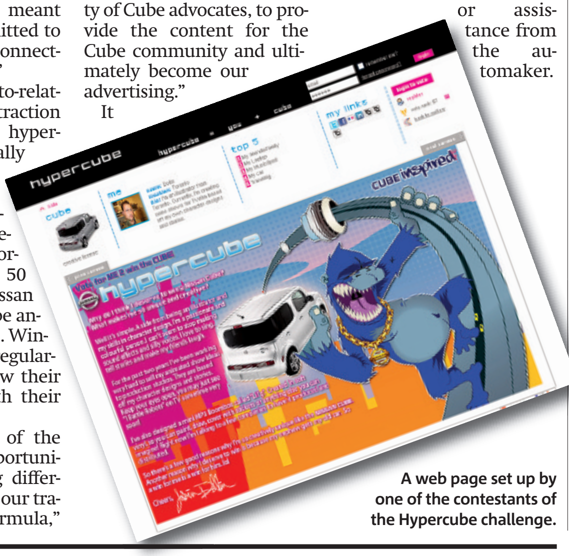
Singer Ace Young attends an event for Ford's Fiesta Movement in New York.

The first major auto-related social media attraction for Canadians is hypercube.ca — essentially an online stage for 500 creative thinkers to demonstrate their social creativity in "Cube worthiness." The best 50 will win a new Nissan Cube (winners will be announced on June 23). Winners will then blog regularly for a year, on how their Cubes "interact with their creative lives."

"The uniqueness of the Cube gave us an opportunity to do something different, to veer off from our traditional launch formula," said Catherine Green, the advertising manager at Nissan Canada. "Our ultimate goal is to create a community of Cube advocates, to provide the content for the Cube community and ultimately become our advertising."

It seems to be working.

When the monthlong audition period ended on May 16, the hypercube.ca pages had garnered over 1.4 million hits, surprising Nissan with not only the high level of engagement and creativity, but also the "tweet ups" and other "community" activities that sprang up, without any prodding or assistance from the automaker.



A web page set up by one of the contestants of the Hypercube challenge.

Websites

- **Hypercube.ca:** The voting's over but you can check out contestants' websites, auditions and what they are saying about Nissan Cube.
- **Fiestamovement.ca:** Plenty of tweets, blogs, photos and videos about the Ford Fiesta.

2010 Chevy Equinox

2010 Chevy Equinox big fuel sipper

PRICING Available at Chevrolet dealers this summer, the new 2010 Equinox delivers the best highway fuel consumption of any vehicle in its segment, along with safety, comfort and quietness and offers an impressive range of features, all at a starting price of $25,995.

Combining the fuel economy of a sedan and the utility of a crossover, the 2010 next generation Equinox offers the choice of two fuel-efficient direct injection engines — a 2.4-litre I4 and a 3.0-litre V6, both paired with 6-speed automatic transmissions.

The 2.4-litre equipped Equinox delivers a segment-best 6.1L/100 km in highway driving, placing it well in front of the Toyota RAV4 and Honda CRV. The Equinox also has a range of up to 1,164 km's on a single tank of gas, meaning fewer fill-ups for customers. **FROM CARGUIDE**

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BMW adds xDrive power to M

BMW's first ever M-powered xDrive models, the X5 M and the X6 M (shown), are the most powerful road-going M vehicles ever produced thanks to a twin-turbocharged 555 hp V8.

BMW is renowned for pushing back automotive boundaries and the new BMW X5 M and X6 M are two models that set a new benchmark.

Never before has the lineup offered such powerful and dynamically capable vehicles in a four-wheel drive package with a command driving position.

As the first xDrive four-wheel drive cars, the BMW X5 M and the X6 M are a journey into new territory for BMW, while the twin-turbocharged 555 hp V8 engine heralds the launch of the most powerful road-going M car the company has ever launched.

The new range flagships to the X5 and X6 portfolio are both powered by the same 4,395cc twin-turbocharged V8 engine producing a maximum power output of 555 hp at 6,000 rpm. Such performance equates to a zero-100 km/h time of 4.7 seconds, comparable to the critically acclaimed BMW M3.

In a world first for an M badged vehicle, both the turbochargers and the catalytic converter are located within the vee of the powerplant. This arrangement results in an engine that breathes better and operates at a higher efficiency due to the shorter exit manifold.

The 4.4-litre engine features High Precision Direct Injection technology with piezo crystals for the optimum in fuel efficiency and combustion characteristics. As a result the powerplant for both cars meets the latest stringent EU5 emissions regulations.

Transmitting the power to the road in the X5 M and the X6 M is a drivetrain incorporating a new six-speed M Sport Automatic transmission, the class-leading xDrive four-wheel drive system and dynamic performance control, all refined by M GmbH engineers to suit the new high performance vehicles.

FROM CARGUIDE

2010 Sequoia on sale

Toyota is introducing the 2010 Toyota Sequoia with a new 4.6L engine. The full-size SUV is now on sale across Canada, with a manufacturer's suggested retail price starting at $48,320. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Riding the Wave

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

The economy is melting faster than the ice caps, oil wells are drying up, and horsepower is losing relevance to environmental responsibility. As a result, funky little cars like the Pontiac G3 Wave are enjoying lots of attention these days — and proving ideal for students, families and retirees alike.

No need to fear the "little car" jokes from your friends with this one. A nicely accented and energetic shape enables the Wave hatchback to pull off some great small car visuals — appearing confident, cohesive and visually dense. It's more like a little toy, and less like a rolling appliance.

As with the body, interior designers didn't simply give up on the looks when they were handed a small car. Compared to something like a Kia Rio or Hyundai Accent, the bright and modern cabin atmosphere offered by the Wave is refreshing. So was the motorized sunroof, incidentally.

Some controls around the steering wheel feel like they came from the nineties, but various metallic accents, textures and an overall sense of energy help dress things up.

Thankfully, the Wave's interior is bigger than the body leads on. There's relatively generous arm, leg and shoulder room up front. Head and rear-seat legroom tighten up for taller occupants, though drivers of average size should find the cabin surprisingly spacious. Visibility is fantastic too, albeit for the small side mirrors.

Complaints? The cupholder is a clumsy space waster, and the interior lacks covered storage to keep your iPod and wallet out of sight. Additionally, the excessive use of red backlighting may permanently burn the instrument cluster into your retinas at night.

Wave gets moving courtesy of a new-for-2009 1.6 litre four cylinder with variable valve timing. The engine lets you know when it's working, but sound levels were kept well within limits. Power? 106 ponies. Let's just say you won't be getting into any trouble with it. With the four-speed automatic gearbox on board, my mileage averaged a respectable 7.5 L / 100km.

Handling and performance are largely appropriate for the intentions and size of the car, and the steering is quick and eager. Wave is amusingly easy to manoeuvre and park, too.

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Quebec bans certain right-hand drives

Quebec has become the first province to prohibit the licensing and operation of certain right-hand drive vehicles on public roads, canadiandriver.com reports. The prohibition covers imported vehicles that are over 15 years old. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Solar car kings

Canadian teams shining on world stage

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

When it comes to alternative fuel technologies, solar power usually comes up short of hydrogen fuel cells or battery-powered exotics. Despite our unpredictable weather, Canada's place in the solar-car kingdom is excellent, with a couple of universities putting in outstanding performances not only in North America, but against the world's best.

The University of Waterloo, located in Canada's technology capital in Waterloo, Ont., has over 20 years of experience in designing, building and competing with solar-powered racecars. Starting with the inaugural General Motors Sunrayce Challenge in 1990, the Midnight Sun team is the only Canadian solar-car team to consistently have qualified and raced in every North American event. And, the team set a Guinness World Record in 2004 by travelling 15,070 km back and forth across the United States for 41 straight days, the longest single journey made by a solar-powered vehicle, and more than double the previous record.

Midnight Sun's co-business manager Cody Bryant said he was quickly attracted to the program.

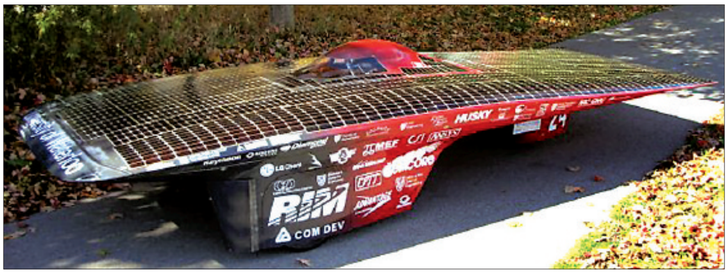
"I had always had a keen interest in cars and the opportunity to work with such a unique project appealed greatly to me," he said.

The team consists of 30 core members, with more than 200 student volunteers participating in the program's two-year cycle. Waterloo is usually the top Canadian team during the North American Solar Challenge (NASC) and the World Solar Challenge (WSC), held every other year in Australia.

If Waterloo represents the Yankees of the Canadian solar-car competitions, the University of Calgary must be like the Florida Marlins: relatively new on the scene, but already fighting with and beating the heavyweights.

While only having built two cars to Waterloo's nine, Calgary's team has made their efforts count, being the first rookies to complete an NASC in 2005, and finishing the 2005 WSC first in class with their Soleon racecar. After building Schulich 1 in 2007, U of C was the top-ranking Canadian team in the '07 WSC, upsetting Waterloo in the process.

"We currently have approximately 35 students working on the engineering team, and about 10 students working on the business team, all from a variety of faculties," says Jeff Wickenheiser, project co-chair and engineering manager for the University of Calgary team.



University of Waterloo's Guinness record-setting solar car Midnight Sun.

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Volt underway

General Motors started building the first pre-production Chevrolet Volt electric vehicles last week. It's the first time engineers are assembling a vehicle that looks like the car slated to start rolling off an assembly line next year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Edgier Murano

Slickly styled Nissan CUV needs better pricing

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

When the Nissan Murano first appeared, it was the most futuristic design available, especially since most of its competitors aped boxy SUVs. Based on the front-wheel-drive Altima, the Murano offered decent levels of equipment, a healthy V6, optional all-wheel drive and a reasonable ride.

Fast forward to 2009, and the Murano's up for its first makeover. Not much has changed in its brief — meaning a car-based, five-seat crossover — but the competition is much fiercer than in '03. Nearly every major manufacturer has at least one such vehicle in its lineup — and sometimes more. The question is whether Nissan's evolutionary makeover is enough to keep it relevant.

Size-wise, the new Murano is within a hair of its predecessor, although the new design is edgier. Its snout is pointier, and the sculptured front fenders mean it's difficult to know where its corners are. The rear follows the general themes from the Rogue, and doesn't match the front's drama.

The rising beltline, thick A-pillars and small rear window mean big blind spots, although the large side mirrors help.

All Muranos feature Nissan's 3.5-litre V6 with 265 hp and 248 lb-ft of torque, matched with a continually variable transmission (CVT). All-wheel drive is standard on every model for '09.

Safety features include six airbags, ABS with emergency brake force distribution and brake assist, stability and traction control, and active head restraints for the front row.

Although the Murano S starts at a reasonable $37,648, my tester was the loaded $47,498 LE trim, meaning standard HID headlights, fog lights, 20-inch wheels, heated mirrors, power-adjustable heated leather seats, climate control, power tilt/telescoping steering, keyless entry and ignition, a dual-panel moonroof, rearview camera with seven-in display, 11-speaker Bose audio system and Bluetooth. The excellent navigation system and 9.3GB "music server" is a pricey $2,950 option.

All that luxury is thrown into one of Nissan's better cabin designs. The gauges are bright and legible, major controls easy to find, and better than average materials. Finding a comfortable seating position is simple, and there's decent room in the second row.

Cargo space is reasonable, and the rear seats power fold to increase usable room.

On the road, the Murano's habits are merely OK. It's not sporty, with too much lean and vague steering, but the suspension thumps over the smallest imperfections. There's a lot Nissan could do to improve this for future releases. Performance-wise, acceleration is strong and the CVT works well enough that you never notice it.

While the Murano offers a huge number of features and look-at-me styling, the problem is its pricing. My LE tester's sticker totalled $50,583 before freight, PDI and taxes.

A similarly equipped Ford Edge Limited AWD runs a touch over $46,000. Even Infiniti's own EX35 would only total about $48,600 for all the bells and whistles. And that's only counting dedicated five-seaters.

That means, other than styling and brand loyalty, there isn't anything the Murano does outstanding enough to make it worthy of recommendation.

2009 **Nissan Murano**

Type: Crossover utility vehicle
Price: 37,648 (base)
Engine: 3.5-litre V6
HP: 248

Highlights

- Dramatic front styling
- Impressive interior

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Mitsubishi unveils Outlander GT

SHOWCASE Mitsubishi Motors pulled the wraps off its Outlander GT prototype recently at the New York auto show, providing clear directional clues into the next generation of the popular Mitsubishi Outlander CUV.

The Outlander GT prototype is loaded with new technology, greater performance, higher fuel efficiency and an aggressive new design.

The prototype also features a revised exterior treatment, increased engine output, an advanced S-AWC system, 19-inch OZ racing wheels, polished aluminum roof, top-of-the-line Brembo brakes and the all-new FUSE Hands-free Media Gateway system.

A revised interior and freshly added electronic options also help to raise the luxury and comfort levels of the model.

The prototype features a sporty new exterior treatment inspired by Mitsubishi's own Lancer family of automotive products.

Designers sought to create a dynamic and athletic presence by utilizing new materials and a wider stance.

A "jet fighter" look grille, with design elements from the Lancer Evolution model, has been added to accent the boldly reshaped front bumper, side mirrors, fenders and hood.

Merging Mitsubishi's experience in off-road and rally racing with production car development, the Outlander GT prototype features the revolutionary Super All Wheel Control (S-AWC) system.

More than just four-wheel drive, S-AWC is a handling system that provides increased handling, traction and stability, while still maintaining maximum fuel economy.

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Mitsubishi Motors follows the "jet fighter" grille styling of its Evolution model in its new Outlander GT prototype.

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Alberta student gets Toyota's green award

Adil Adatia, a student from Lethbridge, Alta., has won the 2009 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship. Adatia was chosen first from a pool of hundreds of applicants across Canada. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Shapes of cars to come

Despite Obama's pledge, going green will be tough

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News

U.S. President Barack Obama has declared that cars made in the United States would have to meet a target of an average 35.5 mpg by 2016, with reductions starting in 2012. The move will reduce America's carbon dioxide emissions by 30 per cent as well as reduce dependence on foreign oil.

It's a radical proposition — especially given that no car manufacturer's fleet comes anywhere near that average. Carmakers will have to work hard and spend money they don't have, to phase out the gas-guzzlers in their portfolios and introduce energy-sippers.

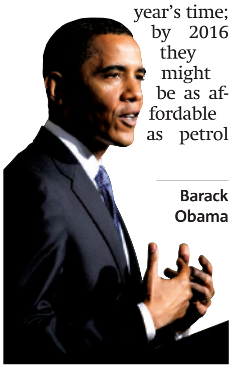
No wonder American automakers and Bush's oil-barons had been resisting cuts for years. It's going to be especially hard for those whose most successful cars are SUV and high-performance models.

The other issue is that it takes time for the technology to get on the road. It takes the average car produced by a major carmaker at least four years to go from initial design to dealership forecourt, via marketing, engineering, safety testing, and factory floor.

Developing new technology is phenomenally expensive, then creating the plants that can produce cars with the new technology is more expense still. This is why manufacturers often share platforms like the Ford Ka and the Fiat 500, for example.

Most carmakers have been going eco for the last few years, but progress is slow. So what's in the pipeline? The current economic climate as well as our eco expectations will shape the next few years — most people will be looking to buy smaller, cheaper-to-fuel cars. Expect more electric cars in three year's time; by 2016 they might be as affordable as petrol models. They might have smaller, more ecological batteries, and the way they're made and the energy that fuels them might be more sustainable too.

Don't expect anything too radical to come from the major players. After all, the financial crisis caused Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne to gloomily predict that in two years time only six global carmakers will exist. The innovation might well come from faster-moving companies on the outside.



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Volvo showcases EV concept
Volvo presented a new concept car this week that combines a plug-in charged lithium battery with a diesel motor, technology which it aims to have on the market in 2012. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ready for the racetrack

Porsche 911 GT3 packs too much punch for the daily driver

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PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

The 2010 GT3 accelerates to 100 km/h in 4.1 seconds, 200 km/h in 12.3 seconds and tops out at 312 km/h (193 mph).

From day one, Porsche's philosophy has been to build sports cars that are as equally happy on the road as on the racetrack. Drive your Porsche to the local circuit, thrash it like a rented mule and Dr. Ferdinand Porsche smiles at you from the beyond.

Then there are some that are more track ready than others.

The $138,100 2010 Porsche 911 GT3, which tilts heavily toward the racing side of the equation, will be arriving in Canada sometime in July, It is a significantly upgraded version of the 2008 997-based GT3.

The GT3's dry-sump naturally aspirated 3.8L flat-six, (which is not related to the direct-injection 3.8L in the "regular" Carrera S), traces its lineage back to the 1996 Porsche 911 GT1 racer.

It makes 435 hp at 7600 rpm and 317 lb-ft at 6250 rpm. This is up 20 horses and 17 lb-ft over last year's 3.6L version of the same powerplant. It rips to a 8500 rpm redline and powers the rear wheels via a six-speed manual transmission with interchangable gear ratios.

No seven-speed PDK twin-clutch transmission? This would have added another 30 kg right where this rear-engined slingshot doesn't need it — out back.

Visually, you won't mistake a GT3 for a garden variety Carrera. The body is slammed a healthy 30mm over new centre-lock 19" ultralight alloys that wear 235/35ZR front and 305/30ZR steamrollers in the rear. A decidedly unsubtle wing perches above ram air intakes on the rear deck.

When driving the GT3, steering and chassis feedback come at you in beautiful hi-definition, reviewer Peter Bleakney says.

The 2010 GT3 accelerates to 100 km/h in 4.1 seconds, 200 km/h in 12.3 seconds and tops out at 312 km/h (193 mph).

But numbers don't tell the full story. Twist the key and the 3.8L race engine barks to life and settles into a busy, guttural idle. Grab the Alcantara wheel, depress the firm clutch, slot the short shifter into first and within the first few hundred meters this car telegraphs exactly what it's all about.

I have never driven a 911 that bites and digs in like this one — and instills such confidence.

In the post-card perfect part of Germany where I tested the GT3, it proved to be a devastatingly fast and precise tool. Steering and chassis feedback come at you in beautiful hi-definition.

The engine shows impressive mid-range torque, and above 4500 r.p.m. it bellows a particularly hair-raising rendition of the famed Swabian Symphony No. 911 in G-willikers.

Porsche's two-stage PASM active damper system, which takes the sting out of regular 911 ride, is retuned for the GT3 — it goes from firm to ox-cart.

A first for the GT3 is PSM electronic stability control that has been engineered to help, not hinder fast driving. Porsche claims even professional drivers can attain faster laps with PSM that without. The two elements of PSM, stability control and traction control, can be switched off individually if so desired.

With the new rear wing and revised aero tuning, the 2010 GT3 creates double the downforce of the previous model at track speeds. Indeed, on our autobahn blast I could feel the car become more stable the farther north we got of 200 km/h.

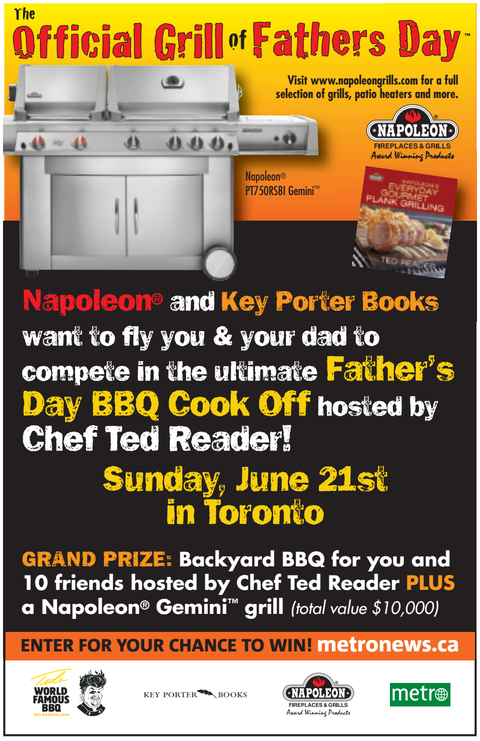
This is the time when you think about retardation. Braking power is phenomenal, with larger front (380mm vs 350 mm) yet lighter steel/aluminum composite discs clamped by six-piston front calipers.

2010 **Porsche 911 GT3**

Type: Sports coupe
Price: $138,100
Engine: 3.8L flat-six
HP/ Torque: 435 hp at 7600 rpm; 317 lb-ft at 6250 rpm

Highlights

- Really fast
- PSM electronic stability control



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GM announces Buick Allure prices

MODEL General Motors has announced pricing for the all-new 2010 Buick Allure luxury sedan that starts at $32,745 and arrives in showrooms this summer.

Available in front and all-wheel-drive, the Allure is powered by a choice of two fuel-saving direct injection V6 engines paired with six-speed transmissions and delivers precise suspension tuning for driving control and comfort unlike any Buick before it.

The luxurious cabin offers a wide array of digital connectivity, safety and personal technologies in a library-quiet environment.

Starting at $32,475 for CX FWD's standard equipment includes six standard air bags, including roof-mounted head curtain side air bags, premium cloth seats and 17-inch wheels, plus a new, technologically advanced 3.0-litre direct injection (DI) V6 engine.

The 2010 Buick Allure.

Starting at $34,745, the CXL FWD builds on the CX model's equipment, it adds, dual-zone automatic climate control, fog lamps, outside rearview mirror with LED turn indicators, among other features.

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Fiddlers on the roof

For the first time in six centuries, Milan’s Gothic cathedral will hold its first rooftop classical music concerts, featuring a 60-piece orchestra and choir. The roof is one of Milan’s top tourist attractions, with views stretching north to the snow-capped Alps. **REUTERS**

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Getting a handle on responsible travel

Here are vacation choices to feel good about

ROMINA McGUINNESS
Metro World News

A view of Malaysia’s Sukau Lodge.

A tree house provides accommodation at Perché dans le Perche, on an estate just hours away from Paris.

Every industry wants to be ethical these days, from fashion and food to cars and travel. And while travelling itself — from flying to staying in wasteful luxury hotels — can be unecological, there are ways of using your holiday for the good, whether you’re compensating for your carbon footprint or contributing in a positive way to the place that you visit.

Hotels and tour operators all over the world are jumping on the responsible travel bandwagon, and selling themselves as sustainable, ecological and ethical, even if their product falls short.

So how do you know if a hotel or travel company has got genuine ethical credentials, or whether they are just greenwashing? How can you make sure you’re a responsible tourist? There are two key factors here — ideally, your holiday should be ecologically sound, as well as contribute in a positive way to the local community.

To be an eco-tourist, look for hotels and resorts that strive for minimal environmental impact and self-sufficiency.

A true eco hotel uses solar energy or wind turbines to generate power; uses biodegradable cleaning products; and reduces waste by recycling and reusing as much as possible. If possible, the food served should be grown organically, and locally, rather than flown in.

Ethical tourists should be on the look-out for ways of contributing to the local community when they travel, especially in developing countries.

You can do that by staying at a hotel that employs or is run by local staff on a fair wage; teaches you about the local community and its way of life; and feeds some of its profit into the local community, supporting rural schools, clinics or even conservation projects in areas such as the Amazon rainforest.

There are lot of ways that you can be a responsible tourist too, by off-setting your carbon emissions when you take a flight (or better still, by taking the train); by supporting local businesses rather than corporate chains when you go abroad; and buying products made locally.

The great news is that being ecological doesn’t have to involve camping, scratchy sheets or sharing bathwater — there are plenty of places where you can enjoy a luxurious holiday without guilt.

You won’t be able to stop climate change and bring world peace single-handedly, but every effort makes a difference. Here are our suggestions of some places where you can do just that.

Masai Mind: Basecamp Masai Mara Kenya

Built on land belonging to Masai tribes, this stunning lodge is designed to be sympathetic to its surroundings. The special bond established between the Masai community and the lodge’s founders means local tribesmen act as landlords, tour guides and drivers as well as workshop project leaders. The women sell traditional beaded jewelry and leather goods directly to guests and local projects include planting trees in order for the camp to be self-sufficient in wood.

The 15 thatched tents are heated via solar panels and showers open out to the sky. All dirty water is recycled into gardening water.

Mornings generally begin with a spectacular game drive. Expect to spot gracious giraffes, clomping elephants and black-backed jackals. See basecampexplorer.com.

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Film diva gave boost to Buzios' beach life

How a Brazilian fishing village became that country's answer to St. Tropez

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Metro World News

In the '60s, the actress Brigitte Bardot, the biggest diva of the French film at the time, came to Brazil and was taken on holiday by friends to Armação dos Búzios, a small fishing village close to Rio de Janeiro.

As soon as she set eyes on the almost untouched, extraordinarily beautiful white sand beaches, she fell in love with the place.

Today, a bronze sculpture on Armação Beach pays homage to the French starlet who first drew the world's attention to this Brazilian beach resort. Ever since, Buzios has become one of the hottest tourist destinations in Rio de Janeiro State, attracting visitors from all over the world, many of them celebrities including Mick Jagger, Cat Stevens and Seal.

Buzios has a population of less than 25,000, but that number increases by around three times during weekends and holidays. Despite being a hugely popular destination, Buzios still keeps an atmosphere that evokes its early days as a simple fishing village.

It's known throughout Brazil for the beauty of its azure sea, the cleanliness of its sand and the variety of its beaches.

It's a popular destination for water sports fans, but it's also perfect for those who are just looking to relax and unwind, which is why it's such a favourite with celebrities taking a retreat.

There are plenty of top restaurants, fancy spas and boutique hotels catering to the jet set, but holidaying here is not just for the rich and famous — the city has hotels, inns and hostels for all kinds of budgets.

It also doesn't matter what kind of beach you like: You'll find one that suits you well in Buzios. The city has more than 20 of them, each one with a different profile.

Geribá is probably the most famous and busiest beach in town. Located by open sea, it has clear water and it's a good place for practising water sports. Plenty of small, very cosy inns can be found along the shoreline.

Not very far from there, Ferradurinha Beach is probably one the most beautiful spots in the whole country. Minuscule, it is not as charming as it used to be decades ago, when it was more difficult to access than it is today. Still, its landscape alone merits a visit.

If you can't resist paradise-like beaches, then the ones on your list should include Azeda, Azedinha, João Fernandes, João Fernandinho and Das Focas. But bear in mind that some of them can't be reached by car, only on foot.

Divers must try Tartaruga Beach. And those who like a challenging, agitated sea should look for Praia Brava, which means "angry beach" in Portuguese.

People with little children, on the other hand, should go to Ferradura Beach, with its very calm water. In Portuguese, Ferradura means "horseshoe," and the beach is so named because it looks like one.

Rua das Pedras: Buzios' trendiest spot

The city is very busy during the day, but it also boasts a lively nightlife. The heart of Buzios' night time activities is concentrated around Rua das Pedras (Stone Street), close to Armação Beach.

As the name says, the street is completely paved with stones, giving the place a rustic charm. Along the street you can find a lot of good restaurants, bars, and souvenir stores. There are also trendy clothes shops, and a few nightclubs full of beautiful, tanned people and the odd celebrity. Some of the restaurants on Rua das Pedras have a great view of the sea — and of Bardot's seaside statue.

More info

- braziltour.com
- Buzios is 2.5-hour bus ride from Rio de Janeiro. Buses leave frequently from the latter city's bus station. Tickets cost around $15.

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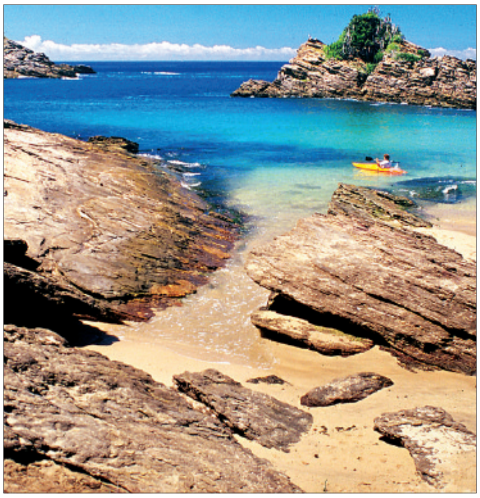
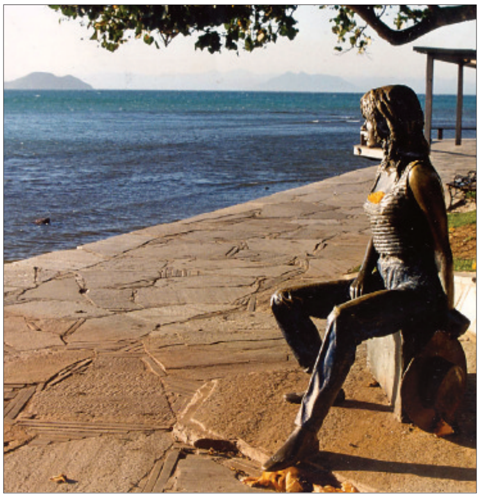

Above, a view of Buzios' Ferradurinha Beach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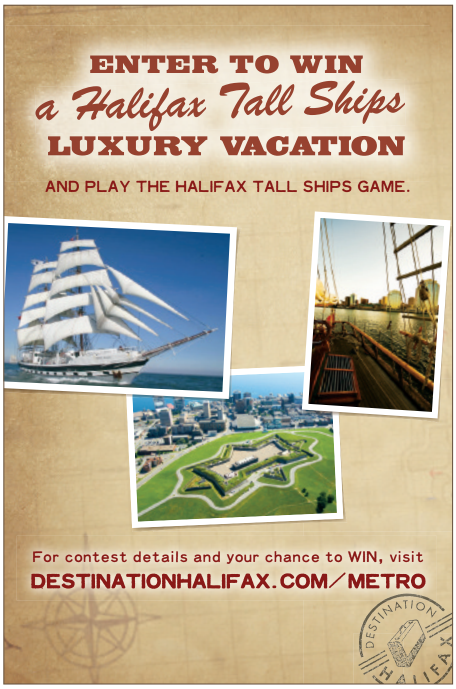
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Ryanair predicts rise in passenger volume

In a press conference yesterday punctuated with sideswipes at other carriers, Ryanair Chief Executive Michael O'Leary predicted the airline's passenger numbers would rise significantly in the current year, despite the downturn in air travel. REUTERS

Guests of Sukau Lodge in Malaysia on a wildlife-viewing trek. Right, a table is set at the lodge for a meal outdoors.

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Chocolate gold: Yachana Lodge, Ecuador

"Yachana" is an indigenous Kichua word meaning "a place for learning." This charitable lodge believes in education and empowering the community in order to create sustainable tourism. Throughout your stay, employees will help you immerse yourself in the local culture and put you in touch with some of the wonders of nature — ever knew you could make poisonous arrows from dart frogs?

The botanical gardens burst with butterflies and a local incentive allows guests to adopt acres of rainforest for conservation. The food is mostly vegetarian and made with ingredients grown in the lodge's permaculture garden. Healthy eating aside, make time to visit the local chocolate factory: Cocoa is bought off local farmers above market price and the Yachana Jungle chocolate is then sold in the lodge shop and abroad.

You can visit the Yachana Foundation's Technical High School, aimed at promoting and pushing the education of indigenous and mestizo students living in remote rural areas of the Amazon.

Also on site is the Mondaña Medical Clinic to provide greater access to health care to the 8,000 local residents. See yachana.com

Power of the Sun: Lalla Mira, Morocco

North Africa's first organic riad fights off the Atlantic Ocean's humid air with its sun-panel-heated floors. Bedding is organic and hypoallergenic as it is locally made with a mite-free fibre called kapok. All food is grown on the riad's own pesticide-free farm.

The hammam steam room is the oldest in town and has been renovated to run on sun power.

This charming gem was built entirely from handmade clay bricks and is conveniently close to the banter and bustle of the souks as well as the surfing paradise of the Essaouira coast.

There is a quaint little library back at the hotel as well as a split-level rooftop terrace for sunbathing. See lallamira.ma.

Pygmy Paradise: Sukau Lodge, Malaysia

In the heart of the Malaysian rainforest you'll find the plush and leafy paradise that is Sakau Lodge. There are 20 rooms in total, basic huts built on stilts in the riverbed. The hot water heaters are solar-powered, as are the engines used to power all the boat engines.

What makes Sakau so lovable is the attention to detail. Cooking oil is recycled for lighting purposes. In search of total peace and quiet? The lodge is only accessible by boat, keeping interference to a minimum. See sukau.com.

Trip to the top of a tree house: Perché dans le Perche, France

Star gaze over a bottle of Bordeaux, and keep an eye out for the occasional badger from your tree house perched in the woods of La Renardiere, a natural estate just hours away from Paris.

Your home is high in a 200-year-old chestnut tree and can sleep up to five people. All of the grey water from the tree house is purified as it is passed through a series of troughs containing reeds, plants and volcanic rock.

Bathroom toiletries are bio-friendly as are all cleaning products used to keep the place pristine and pure. Breakfast is an organic feast delivered to your tree in a basket — all homemade and prepared by the owners, from the jams to the bread and butter.

La Renardiere also works with local students on how to manage and optimize the site's naturally rich biodiversity and ecosystems, and school children have developed a natural garden designed to evolve with the seasons. Local artists whose work has been inspired by the site are invited to exhibit their work. See perchedansleperche.com.

Eco Orchid: The Orchid Hotel, India

Everything in this luxurious Mumbai hotel — from the coat hangers made from reconstructed sawdust to the interior wall panels made from fertilizer waste — is designed to be as eco as possible.

The main atrium is designed in order to allow in the maximum amount of to natural light, and the rooftop pool allows for extra insulation.

The restaurant was built using recycled wood and all window frames are made with reconstructed rubber wood.

The hotel also supports the Nirmalaya Composting Project where all waste from the local annual 10-day Ganesh festival, from food to garlands, is converted into organic manure. See orchidhotel.com.

US online agencies end airline booking fees

Fees charged by the four U.S. online travel agencies to book most flights could be a thing of the past as the companies, hungry for market share, try to make their offerings more appealing to the traveling public.

Orbitz Worldwide Monday said it has permanently removed airline ticket booking fees on domestic and international flights. Travelocity said Monday it would continue to waive flight booking fees. Expedia Inc said the same thing last week.

The fee waivers at those companies began this year as promotions. Priceline.com has not charged fees for published price airline bookings since 2007.

While the new fee waivers could stimulate travel bookings, they also threaten to erode revenue for the companies, which have been suffering as the recession takes its toll on spending for business and leisure trips.

"To be honest, when they say permanent, I don't know how truthful that really is," said Morningstar analyst Warren Miller.

"I can't see them not coming back at some point. That's how they make money," he said.

Miller noted that online travel agencies typically make about 15 per cent of their total bookings value in fees. Of the three publicly traded online travel agencies — Expedia,

Priceline and Orbitz — only Priceline saw bookings growth in the first quarter.

The companies have been hit hard by economic woes and also by airline capacity cuts that reduce the number of tickets the travel agencies can sell.

REUTERS

New podcast tour of New York City features TV, movie sites

NEW YORK Visitors to the Big Apple will be able to scope out some of the city's famous sites that have been featured in films and television shows with free podcasts unveiled by the city on Monday.

Listeners to the walking tours will be guided to the firehouse featured in the popular 1984 film Ghost Busters and the bar where the Cosmpolitan cocktail was created.

The walking tours called, Made in NY: Walking Tours of Film and TV Locations, will also feature street locations from films such as Woody Allen's 1977 hit, Annie Hall, and movies such as Kramer vs. Kramer, Sophie's Choice, and Green Card.

"It's so cool to be guided to the locations that were filmed on our city streets and in front of such iconic buildings," actor Matthew Modine said in a statement.

Modine, who starred in the film Married to the Mob and actress Julianna Margulies, of the television series ER, will narrate the podcasts that will begin with two tours in Manhattan, each one hour long.

The first tour will run from the Tribeca district to City Hall, taking in The Brooklyn Bridge and Foley Square, which is regularly seen in TV series Law & Order.

The second tour travels through the financial district, past the Statue of Liberty and shows locations from films including Wall Street, Working Girl, and Men in Black.

Other sites featured in the podcasts are from the TV series Spin City and 30 Rock. The podcasts are available through nyc.gov/film. Other New York areas will be featured in future podcasts, officials said.

REUTERS

Back in action

According to the Mexico Tourism Board, Air Canada Vacations was the first Canadian tour operator to announce it would resume its operations to Cancun. As of June 6, the company will have non-stop flights to Cancun from Toronto, Montreal and Calgary. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Croatia's warm-weather charms

Sunny coastlines, serene islands are among draws

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Travel pro

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At this time of year I frequently get asked where I'm going to spend my summer holidays. Not an easy answer, as every day, word of new destinations and existing gems comes across my desk.

That sees me either shifting my plans or trying to squeeze more and more places into one trip, with the result being a manic week of travelling, rather than the relaxing break I had hoped for. However, this year is different. Why? Because the place that I'm heading to is currently streets ahead of anywhere else in Europe to take a break in and nothing that I have seen or read about this year has come close to making me change my opinion. Where I am talking about? Croatia.

It's the home of sun-drenched coastlines with some of the prettiest bays and bluest waters you will ever see, serene islands, beautiful cities and a rich culture that delights you upon your arrival and stays with you for years after you have left.

Whilst many people know about the charms of Dubrovnik (and rightly so) Croatia still contains many hidden gems that the travelling world is only just waking up to. I could write an essay on the wonders of the place here, but space doesn't allow it, so I have had to filter through my long list of highlights and share with you my top three spots. How to learn about the rest? Simple. Just go.

Hvar

Hip partying and gourmet seafood: The island of Hvar is a jewel in the Adriatic Sea, found north (a ferry ride or short helicopter hop) off Dubrovnik's coast. This unspoiled island is becoming one of Eastern Europe's hippest coastal party spots. The word now is to forget Ibiza, because it's all about Hvar. Hip bars, clubs and restaurants combine with rugged ancient landscapes filled with fragrant sage and lavender, rich aloe and pine trees. Spend days on the water, or wine tasting in the vineyards before heading to the waterfront in the medieval heart of Hvar for sunset drinks looking over the Paklinski Islands and gearing up for a long night out.

A view of Korcula, an island between Dubrovnik and Hvar, is highly recommended by our correspondent.

Dubrovnik

Cobbled streets and thriving cafés: Yes, you may know it but you need to go back. Soak up the medieval mood radiating from the old squares, magnificent stone columns and wide streets of Dubrovnik.

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Winging onwards
Sunwing has also announced that it's returning to Mexico. The operator has resumes service to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, with flights from Toronto and Montreal as of today; as of June 27 from Vancouver; and from June 28 from Calgary and Edmonton. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Left, the roofs of the old city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Right, an aerial view of Hvar, which is becoming one of Eastern Europe's hippest coastal party spots.

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Stroll the atmospheric pedestrianized paving slabs of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire its forts, red-tile roofed-buildings, churches and monasteries. The Old Town is brimming with cafes, bars and restaurants hugging the Adriatic seafront, perfect for a morning coffee or evening sundowner. A picture-perfect place and if you were after an alternative take on it I'd recommend taking a guided kayak tour around the grand city walls, or mountain biking in nearby Konavle valley to explore the local countryside.

Korcula

Medieval charm and one super lux retreat: People say Hvar is a secret. Well, maybe, but this one is a true secret. My insider tip: Head for the stunning island of Korcula, right now hottest thing to rise from this country. It's flung roughly equidistant between Dubrovnik and Hvar.

The beautiful stone castle welcoming you as you sail into the harbour is just a taste of the old world charm that the island oozes. Get lost in the winding alleyways, between terracotta-tiled houses and tiny churches. It's all a short stroll from the beach of this up-and-coming island that few on the tourist trail know about. A true escape amongst the warm waters of the Adriatic. Go now and be the envy of your friends with your tales of your time in this undiscovered spot.

Good to know

Where to stay: Riva Hotel in Hvar is Croatia's first and only member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World. Expect old world charm, state of the art luxury, exceptional designed and superb sunset views over the Islands.

No better place to lay your head after a hard day of strolling, sunbathing and partying in Dubrovnik than at the Pucic Palace. Hidden within the walls of the medieval town, there is a brand new luxury retreat opening this month: the Lesic Dimitri Palace is a restored 18th century bishop's palace with five adjoining medieval cottages. Each room is designed with exceptional attention to detail and themed on a different region of Marco Polo's Silk Road travels.

Shopping: The main shopping area in Dubrovnik is The Stradun, but for a great local market go to Gundulic Square which has a wonderful fruit and flower market every morning, except for Sundays.

Getting there: Croatia is accessible from most European countries by coach, and by ferry from Italy or Greece. There are major international airports in Dubrovnink, Pula, Split, Zadar and Zagreb.

Getting around: Renting a car is straightforward, and there are good and inexpensive bus and train services that links major cities.

When to go: The best weather is from April to September. July and August are high season, with high prices and crowded beaches and towns.

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Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew will be back for a third season on VH1 with a new group including Heidi Fleiss, Tom Sizemore and Dennis Rodman. The show will follow their treatment over eight episodes airing in early 2010, according to Variety. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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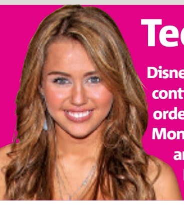

Teen queens

Disney Channel's teen queens will continue to reign. The network has ordered new seasons of Hannah Montana — starring Miley Cyrus — and Sonny with a Chance, starring Demi Lovato. TVGUIDE.COM

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Beyond his wildest dreams

Comedy star Will Ferrell is back with Land of the Lost

NED EHRBAR
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Will Ferrell just wants to be taken seriously. The comic actor, who got his start on Saturday Night Live and has gone on to become one of the biggest comedy stars in Hollywood, loves making films like this week's Land of the Lost, don't get him wrong. But what he's really looking for is another Stranger Than Fiction, his critically acclaimed 2006 foray into more dramatic work.

"They're more difficult to find for me," Ferrell says of projects like Stranger Than Fiction. "I'm still not thought of in that way. I'm still thought of more as just comedy." And with good reason. Ferrell's penchant for playing blowhards and self-important buffoons has led to some major box office successes.

And he hopes to add to that list with Land of the Lost, based on the popular Saturday morning kids' show by Sid and Marty Kroft. The film gives him a chance to work with one of his new favourite cohorts, Danny McBride. And both Ferrell and McBride are known for their improvisational skills.

Land of the Lost opens in theatres on Friday

"I shouldn't say this, but there's really no trick to it," Ferrell says of improv. "You just film, and if it works great, and if it doesn't you don't use it." Still, though he has such a strong improv background, Ferrell doesn't automatically turn to it. "I'm the first person in support of doing the scene as written. Even though we love doing this, I'm always in fear that we're skipping past the written scene too quickly to get to the improv."

Comic actor Will Ferrell hopes to continue his box office success with Land of the Lost.

For all his hit comedies, including Anchorman and Talladega Nights, the actor has so far eschewed sequels or creating franchises, something producers and studios certainly aren't thrilled about. But Ferrell says it's less about not wanting to appear to be cashing in and more about not repeating himself. "There are tons of original stories and brand-new characters to try as opposed to just automatically doing a sequel," Ferrell says.

Still, it's not out of the question. "We've just started playing around with the idea of Anchorman as a sequel," Ferrell admits. "That's really found a foothold in the comedy cult world. It would be a lark to do that."

One character that he did recently revisit was George W. Bush, an impersonation he made famous back on SNL. Ferrell recently received an Emmy nomination for his limited-run Broadway show lampooning the former president, You're Welcome America: A Final Night with George W. Bush.

"There's this image that I've been doing a Bush impersonation every weekend somewhere around the country for five years now," Ferrell says, though he stopped playing bush when he left SNL in 2002. "It was a fun thing to revisit and also put to bed at the same time."

"It was one of the most gratifying experiences I've had. And dare I say patriotic," he says of the show. "I think Obama's got a tough job right now fixing a lot of what's happened. Hopefully people will be reminded from time to time that that was a tough eight years we just went through."

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Tonight Show a work in progress

TV An English friend of mine got his first dose of Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien last week, and commented that while Jay seemed friendly and confident, his Tonight Show replacement was more of a cipher. He wondered, "Do you think O'Brien will fit in?"

That's the multimillion-dollar question. O'Brien has only taken over shows, and never originated his own. NBC's Tonight is bigger than O'Brien, which means he's got to conform to expectations — while trying to give it his imprimatur.

After one show, let's say he's a work in progress. O'Brien's debut appearance Monday opened up with a segment in which he ran cross-country from New York (Late Night's home) to the brand-new Universal Studios stage in Hollywood. The layout fits traditional Tonight templates, but the new set is shaped by wavy arcs which, along with the redesigned show logo, call to mind a retro look, as if 30 Rock's art deco design was also transplanted.

Conan O'Brien

It was a debut episode designed for those with ADD: O'Brien's monologue included video gags on political figures, a paean to his 1992 Ford Taurus, his nosebleed seats at the Lakers game, and a stint guiding the Universal Studios Tour. When not immersed in pretaped segments, O'Brien commanded the stage, but seemed more comfortable laughing it up with erstwhile sidekick-turned-announcer Andy Richter than interacting with his 380 audience members. The band, led by Max Weinberg, got barely a nod.

Will Ferrell was a safe choice as a guest; he almost made O'Brien superfluous as he took over the house and deadpanned his way through the segment. For his part, O'Brien was chatty enough, but seemed relieved that no serious questioning would be required.

Ferrell was joking when he said it, but he was right on the money when he commented that the suits backstage were fidgety. "This whole thing's a crapshoot at best," he told O'Brien, then sang "Never Can Say Goodbye," just in case things didn't pan out. **REUTERS**

Salinger sues over Catcher sequel

BOOKS J.D. Salinger yesterday sued the writer and publisher of a book billed as a sequel to his classic novel The Catcher in the Rye, saying the work infringes on his copyright.

Salinger is asking a judge to block publication of 60 Years Later: Coming Through the Rye written by an author identified as J.D. California.The book will be published in September by Swedish publisher Nicotext, according to Amazon.com.

"The sequel is not a parody and it does not comment upon or criticize the original. It is a rip-off pure and simple," said the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court. Salinger holds a copyright to the 1951 novel, considered one of the great works of American literature, and its main character, Holden Caulfield. **REUTERS**

Green to join One Tree Hill
Beverly Hills 90210 and Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles alum Brian Austin Green is in talks to join the CW's One Tree Hill in the series regular role of NBA-bound Nathan's sports agent. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Disney's new Pooh film

Walt Disney Studios has a new Winnie the Pooh hand-drawn animated theatrical release in the works, and it's also creating two primetime TV specials starring the main character of the animated series Handy Manny.

The announcements are planned for Tuesday at the Licensing International Expo in Las Vegas, where executives also will discuss plans to pump more enthusiasm into the world's largest licensed character franchise: Mickey Mouse.

That effort, said consumer products chairman Andy Mooney, could include classic footage of an animated Mickey mashed up with contemporary Disney properties, with the resulting creations running on the Disney Channel.

"Through extensive research with kids, we found they actually love the original Mickey Mouse property," Mooney said.

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

release date

- The Winne the Pooh movie is planned for release spring 2011.

In brief

FILM Former Charmed star Alyssa Milano is about to weave a spell on the big screen. The actress has signed on to star in and produce My Girlfriend's Boyfriend, a romantic comedy in which she plays a woman with a relationship dilemma. Beau Bridges, Michael Landes, Christopher Gorham and Carol Kane round out the cast. Milano will play an outgoing woman who meets two seemingly ideal men in quick succession — a struggling novelist (Gorham) and successful ad executive (Landes) — and must decide between them.

MUSIC Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, the two surviving members of The Beatles, appeared together in Los Angeles Monday to present a Rock Band video game that will give fans a chance to relive the Fab Four's musical triumphs. McCartney and Starr put in a quick appearance at the E3 video game trade conference to rousing applause. Yoko Ono and Olivia Harrison, the widows of John Lennon and George Harrison, also appeared at the event.

TELEVISION The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards will air a week earlier than previously scheduled. The television awards show, originally slated for Sept. 20, will take place Sept. 13. **REUTERS**

Pukesh's passion put to the test

BRIAN COULTON
For Metro Canada

In a model's life, it's all about balance.

That's the lesson the remaining nine women vying to be Canada's Next Top Model learned on last night's episode. Meeting Jay Manuel in a courtroom, the silver-maned show host greeting them from a judge's pedestal, the women learned they'd be thrown a staple Top Model challenge — to balance the look of an unfamiliar new makeover with a great photograph.

Looks of excitement overtook the women as judge Manuel sentenced them to be cut and coloured, several taking after beauty icons like Linda Evangelista, Debbie Harry and Bettie Page. The latter was the muse for Calgary's Nikita Kiceluk, who appeared to abhor the pinup girl's trademark short bangs.

But whether the model hopefuls took to their looks instantly became secondary when given the week's photo challenge. To match their cutting-edge appearance, the women were whisked to the recently renovated Art Gallery of Ontario to pose in haute couture Italian fashions while balancing atop ladders in high heels, and with male models supporting them.

Canada's Next Top Model Jill Pukesh was the second woman to be sent home.

While Kiceluk most vocally loathed her look, she was hush-hush at the judging ceremony. The panel agreed her photograph was the week's strongest, advancing her to the competition's next stage.

Two women who wholeheartedly embraced their makeovers — Rebeccah Wyse of Cambridge, Ont., and Vancouver's Jill Pukesh — found themselves teetering toward the bottom of the pack, when they were marked as the bottom two. But, when Wyse's pseudo-Twiggy pose came up against Pukesh's alleged lack of passion, it was the latter that lost her balance, the second woman to be sent home.

"It does suck to get sent home so early but, at the same time, I'm not complaining because just getting on the show was good enough for me," said Pukesh on the phone from Vancouver. "It was kind of like getting behind the scenes of what the industry really is like on a day-to-day basis."

She acknowledges the importance of having passion in the modeling industry and said she obviously had it, or she wouldn't have auditioned. "Just because I'm not head over heels wailing on the show, doesn't mean I don't have passion."

And while she said she might have tried harder to convey her vigor when speaking with judges, Pukesh maintains that with her, what you see is what you get.

"I'm not going to change who I am just to suck up to anyone. I know that I have passion, and that's all that matters to me."

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	296	654	64 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	Work Home	Family Court	Paid Program
	298	653	65 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two-Half Men	America's Next Top Model		Hitched or Ditched (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	66 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two-Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
	297	652	67 WPX	PIX News at Ten Tong. (N)		Two-Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	According-Jim	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Odd Couple
	199	311	76 STR	News (N)	News		Late Show-Letterman		Late Late Show		Will & Grace	Seinfeld
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		The Human Spider (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Seattle Mariners. From Safeco Field in Seattle. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	NASCAR Racing		Her Story		SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures (CC)		Mantracker	Mantracker	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures
	410	403	54 SCR	Score Tonight		Hardcore Hockey Talk		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
	417	406	55 SC	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Thunder	Pinks Out	Pinks	Pass Time	Wrecked
	416	409	144 GLF	Off the Pitch	Off the Pitch	Gol TV News	Foot Brazil		Off the Pitch	Paid Program	Gol TV News	Gol TV News
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	557	541	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	56 TRE	Comfy Couch	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Higher Education in BC		Mao: A Chinese Tale (N)		Art of Singing: Movie Era		Art of Singing: Television		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Karaoke Star Junior (CC)		Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith
	570	580	24 MM	Video on Trial	Technical Diff.	One Tree Hill (CC)		Video on Trial	Video on Trial	disBand "Stereos"		Spotlight
	600	564	29 H&G	House	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Hid Potential	Unsellable	City	The Stagers	House
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	628	584	32 SPKE	The Ultimate Fighter (N)		The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		When Stunts Go Bad (CC)		Stunts Go Bad
	521	560	34 TLC	My First Home	My First Home	Survival of the Half-Ton Teen		Mystery Diagnosis (CC)		My First Home	My First Home	Half-Ton Teen
	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Guard "Waheguru" (CC)		I Know What I Saw (2007, Suspense) Beverley Mitchell. (CC)				House (CC)
	620	523	40 BVO	Opera	Broadway	Law & Order "Locomotion"		Without a Trace (CC)		Just Looking ★★ (1999) Ryan Merriman.		
	601	562	41 SLC	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives NYC		Trading Spouses		Paradise Hotel
	520	505	42 DIS	Mayday (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Mayday (CC)		Treasure Quest "U-Boats"		Deadliest
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Judgment Day" (CC)		Cities of the Underworld		Ice Road Truckers (CC)		NCIS "Judgment Day" (CC)		Deep Wreck
	627	528	45 SPC	Stormworld	Grand Star	Stargate SG-1 "Revisions"		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Ent.
	294	650	47 TBS	Meet-Browns	Meet-Browns	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Into the Blue ★★ (2005) (PA) Paul Walker.		
	619	525	48 TROP	The Crow: Stairway to Heaven		What	What	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	603	561	52 FN	Dear Food Network		Opening Soon	Opening Soon	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Dear Food
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore	Comedy Inc.	Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) Cyborg Soldier (2008)		Frontrunners (2008) Premiere. (CC)			American Teen ★★★ (2008) (CC)			Midnight
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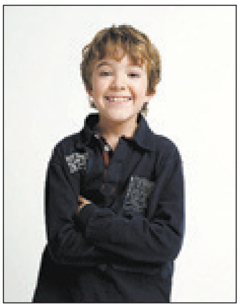
	261	394	102 V	Driven, Vision	Supernatural	Poltergeist: The Legacy		The Cheap Detective ★★★ (1978, Comedy) Peter Falk. (CC)				Paid Program
	-	-	109 MUL	Eight Heroes	Kingdom-Wind	Van. Nights	Iranian Pop	Sabor Latino		Sabor Musical	Travel TV	Patrol World

critics' corner

The New Adventures of Old Christine
Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) is absolutely thrilled when a talent scout recruits Ritchie (Trevor Gagnon) to audition for a commercial after seeing his standout performance in a school play, but for some reason Richard (Clark Gregg) refuses to allow it in "Self-Esteem Tempura." Hamish Linklater, Emily Rutherfurd, Tricia O'Kelley and Alex Kapp Horner also star. 8 PM on CBS



Law & Order
The murder of a well-known charity executive leads Detectives Lupo and Bernard (Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson) down a path of political intrigue that includes a provocative connection among the victim's secretary, her ex-boyfriend and the wife of a leading politician. S. Epatha Merkerson, Sam Waterston, and Linus Roache also star in the new episode "The Drowned and the Saved." 10 PM on NBC

Tiger Katie, not Cougar Katie

Katie Couric poked fun at her "cougar" label while giving the Class Day address at Princeton University on Monday. "I've been called a cougar lately," she said, but "I'm very happy to be an honourary Tiger instead," referring to the school's mascot. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Tot's death like Natasha's?

TRAGEDY Billy Bob Thornton's ex-wife has compared the death of the toddler her daughter was babysitting to the passing of Natasha Richardson, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Melissa Parish — who was married to Thornton for two years before they split in 1980 — has defended their daughter Amanda Brumfield, who has been charged with alleged child neglect after the one-year-old girl she was caring for died after falling from her playpen.

Brumfield allegedly witnessed the accident, which took place in her home in Ocoee, Fla., last October, but failed to call an ambulance, the website reports. Brumfield insists the baby seemed "happy and playful."

Parish thinks her daughter should not be blamed for the death because she had no way of knowing the baby was injured. She likened the accident to the death of Natasha Richardson, who passed away earlier this year after a skiing accident, even though she felt fine after the fall.

Parish explained: "When you have a situation that does not indicate distress. There are no signs of distress, then there is no reason to immediately call police."

More than two hours after the fall, Brumfield allegedly awoke from a nap to find the toddler "limp." Doctors later discovered she had died as a result of a fractured skull and a subdural hematoma.

Detectives investigating the case claim Brumfield's story is inconsistent with the girl's injuries and charged her with child neglect causing harm or disability on Friday.

She was later released on bail.

Thornton's publicist said the actor hasn't spoken to Brumfield for "a substantial number of years."

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Rihanna's nude photo revenge

GETTING EVEN Understandably, Rihanna isn't pleased about photos, allegedly showing her naked, that leaked online recently — and according to a source, she knows Chris Brown was behind it. Now, she's ready for revenge.

"She says she's going to release her own photos of Chris," the source tells Star magazine. "She has less-than-flattering nude pics of him that she plans on leaking. Rihanna says he'll be really embarrassed."

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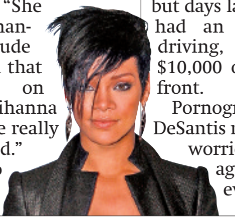

For sale: LiLo's borrowed car

CELEBRITY SOUVENIR Lindsay Lohan's borrowed sports car is up for auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Maserati Quattroporte car — worth $115,000 US — was put on website eBay by its owner Dennis DeSantis, with a starting price of $25,000.

He had lent the white car to the actress in March, but days later her assistant had an accident while driving, causing around $10,000 of damage to its front.

Pornography producer DeSantis reportedly wasn't worried by the damage to the car, however, and had sent it back to her as soon as it was repaired.

Lohan, 22, drove the car until it was removed by tow truck on May 27 for being illegally parked near her ex-girlfriend Samantha Ronson's home in Los Angeles. She instead rented a black Rolls Royce Silver Phantom.

The auction listing for the Maserati says it has been driven by Lohan, but doesn't mention any accidents. Fans have until June 11 to make a bid for the vehicle.

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Thou shalt not gossip

COMMANDMENT Mel Gibson has asked his fellow parishioners at the Holy Family Chapel in Agoura Hills, Calif., not to gossip about him, and recently hasn't been taking communion, people.com reports.

Recent headlines about the end of his marriage to Robyn Moore, 53, the mother of his seven children, and Gibson's relationship with 39-year-old Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva — who is pregnant with his child — have inevitably raised questions about how the devout star's faith will mesh with his private life.

"It would be heartbreaking for Gibson," says a traditionalist Catholic priest who has celebrated mass at Gibson's chapel but prefers not to be named. "We have sympathy for a person in that situation."

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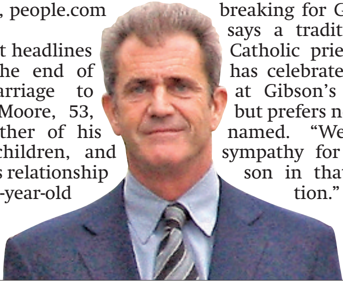

Nothing sexy about sex scenes: Radcliffe

THE HONEST TRUTH Daniel Radcliffe was left disappointed after he filmed his first onscreen love scene — because the "sexy" moment he dreamed of never materialized, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Harry Potter star stripped off for 2007 movie December Boys to get intimate with co-star Teresa Palmer — but he wasn't impressed by the experience.

He says, "Whenever you watch those scenes in films you always think, 'That must be so sexy to do and wouldn't that be amazing.'

"You wonder how those actors manage to control themselves. But when you're doing it and you've got people watching you, there is nothing sexy about it at all."

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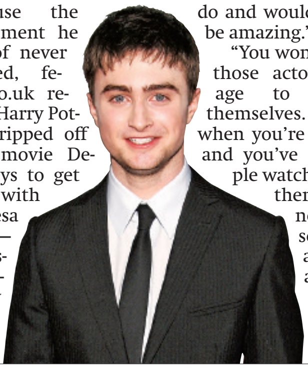

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Paris was Bruno's original victim?

20/20 HINDSIGHT It turns out Eminem wasn't the first choice to play victim to Sasha Baron Cohen's Bruno character at the MTV Movie Awards.

A production insider tells Life & Style Weekly that producer Mark Burnett first approached Paris Hilton about the stunt, but she declined.

"Paris is quite happy she turned down the offer," the source says, adding that Burnett cleared the prank with Eminem beforehand, though the rapper wasn't aware of exactly how underdressed Cohen would be.

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Dad and daughter Swift

TYPICAL TEEN Taylor Swift gets embarrassed by her dad, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Love Story singer has taken her father on tour with her and says his cheeky sense of humour can sometimes leave her red-faced.

She wrote on her MySpace blog: "I'm walking into the hotel lobby after returning from dinner. It's a quiet, serene, beautiful when… Screaming voice from out of nowhere, 'HEY! THAT'S TAYLOR SWIFT!!' Me, 'Dad. Please stop doing that (sic).'"

However, Swift, 19, is pleased her dad is with her all the time because he keeps her grounded.

She said: "It's pretty priceless having my dad out here with me."

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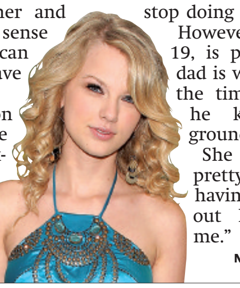

No adoption for Nicole?

THE JOLIE EFFECT Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban say there is "no truth to the adoption rumours" that they are planning to adopt a baby from Vietnam, as reported in Australia's New Idea magazine.

Dang Minh Dao, deputy of the international adoption department at the Ministry of Justice in Hanoi, says, "Yes, Nicole Kidman wants a baby from Vietnam … This is very sensitive information. We are keeping it closed."

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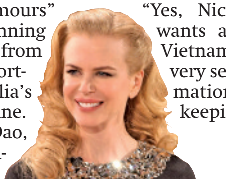

Britney kicks the Circus up a notch

THE AFTER-PARTY While the U.S. shows for her Circus tour were plenty racy, Britney Spears is reportedly planning to kick things up a notch or two for the London leg, beginning today, by hiring naked acrobats, topless burlesque performers and dancing dwarves to perform after each of her eight shows.

"It's going to be crazy. Britney wanted to throw parties people will be talking about for years," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. "I promise you, you've never seen anything so explicit in your life."

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Crossword across

1 Part of T.G.I.F.
4 Dietitian's stat
7 Recognize
8 Express schadenfreude
10 Paris' subway
11 Boardinghouse occupant
13 Prankster's time
16 Carnival city
17 Camel's cousin
18 Lemieux milieu
19 Witnessed
20 Poolroom supply
21 Steak variety
23 Gene Krupa's set
25 Two-way
26 Battle in the ring
27 Tarzan's creator's monogram
28 "Hammerin' Hank"
30 Schlep
33 State of delusory happiness
36 Suitor's actions
37 "Haystacks" artist
38 Art-class models, often
39 Newspaper page
40 Afternoon affair
41 Barbie's companion

Crossword down

1 Preamble
2 Actress Spelling
3 Distended
4 Flourish
5 Simoleons
6 Pet food brand
7 French military cap
8 React to a pun
9 Monotony
10 Scratch
12 Marathons, e.g.
14 Run off
15 "Of course"
19 Fa follower
20 Director's cry
21 "Presumed Innocent" author
22 Mandrill, e.g.
23 Room access
24 Go wild
25 Dict. info
26 Boasts
28 Comment to the audience
29 Sleep-clinic study
30 Sheets and such
31 Secondhand
32 Obtain
34 Lummox
35 Blockhead

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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6	1	8	4	2	9	5	7	3
9	4	5	7	8	3	2	6	1

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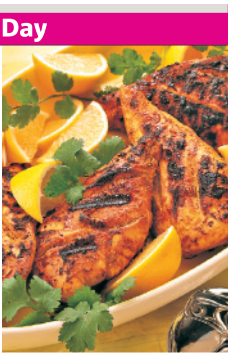
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min	Genius
13-17 min	Scholar
17-21 min	Smart
21-25 min	Not bad
25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Indian-style Broiled Chicken



INGREDIENTS:
4 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
Canola oil for brushing
Lemon or lime wedges, to serve
Fresh cilantro sprigs

YOGURT MARINADE
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) tomato paste
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) garam masala or curry powder
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground coriander
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground turmeric
Pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
7 tbsp (100 ml) plain low-fat yogurt

RAITA
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) plain low-fat yogurt
1 cucumber, about 10 oz (300 g), quartered and seeded
1 small tomato, seeded and finely chopped
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground coriander
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
Pinch cayenne pepper
Pinch salt

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high. For marinade, put garlic, ginger, tomato paste, garam masala, cilantro, cumin, turmeric, cayenne and yogurt into bowl and whisk. Transfer to bowl large enough to hold all chicken pieces.
2. Score two slits on each side of chicken breasts. Place in marinade, turning to coat and rubbing marinade into slits (If you have time, leave chicken to marinate in refrigerator overnight).
3. Brush broiler rack with oil, then place chicken pieces on top. Broil, turning and basting with remaining marinade, until chicken is tender, juices run clear when chicken is pierced with knife, and marinade looks lightly charred, 12 to 15 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, make raita. Place yogurt in bowl. Coarsely grate cucumber, then squeeze to remove as much moisture as possible. Stir cucumber, tomato, ground coriander, cumin, cayenne, and salt into yogurt. Spoon raita into serving bowl.
5. Transfer chicken pieces to serving plate. Add lemon or lime wedges and garnish with cilantro sprigs. Serve with raita on side.

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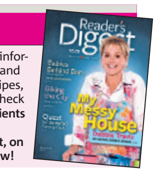

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you do not know how to do something yourself you must consult an expert. You may not want to admit that you are behind the times.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Claims on your time and your energy are coming thick and fast and there is a real danger you might exhaust yourself.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
After your recent exertions you might be tempted to slow down a bit and take a break but the planets suggest you are about to get your second wind.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you put yourself out for friends, family and even total strangers over the next 24 hours they will repay you many times over.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
The planets warn you have begun to take a friendship for granted and there could be a shock in store around the time of Sunday's full moon.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your physical and emotional batteries desperately need to be recharged but you can't see yourself finding the time to take things easy for a day.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will get the chance to make your dreams — well, some of them anyway — come true when the Sun transits the midheaven angle of your chart.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
This may be a difficult time of year for you but it's not as bad as you think, especially in some of your more negative moments.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Some people can be obstructive merely for the fun of it and one such person will get you steamed up today.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
It may annoy you that there are so many obstacles preventing you from your goal, but one day soon you will recognize that it was in your own best interests.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
The Sun in Gemini gives you a more uplifting outlook on life and soon those hardships you have been battling will seem quite minor.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There may be some depressing events taking place in the world around you but there is no reason why you personally should feel down about it.

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3. Those people's body "fur" (1)
4. Chap's "knock knock" offerings (1)
5. Putting an end to renting (2)
6. Drummer Starr's outback dogs (2)
7. Dieter Bertinelli's art salons (3)

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